

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina convened for Action Review on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 5:07 p.m. in Room 267 of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Vi Lyles presiding. Council Members present were Dimple Ajmera, Ed Driggs, Larken Egleston, Julie Eiselt, Malcolm Graham, Renee Johnson, Matt Newton, Victoria Watlington, and Braxton Winston, II.

**ABSENT UNTIL NOTED:** Councilmembers Tariq Bokhari and Gregg Phipps.

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**Mayor Lyles** said I want to call the March 28<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting to order. This is the time that we have our Action Review and Business review of items. We carry this through on our agenda. After we have this time for an hour and a half and then we will go into our Business Meeting in the chamber after we follow the Action Review and Business section of the meeting. So, welcome to everyone, and thank you for all being here. This meeting is being held in accordance with our requirements for access to the process. I guess all of us know by now every type of computer access that's available from WebEx to Zoom and who knows, countless others now. So glad to do this. We'll have introductions when we go to the dais in the chamber before our public hearing and those speakers. So, let's just go ahead and dive into our meeting today.

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## **ACTION REVIEW**

### **ITEM NO. 1: MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONSENT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**Mayor Lyles** said we want to ask Ms. Harris to come up and talk about if there are Mayor and Council consent questions or any questions that have been presented as a part of the agenda today. So, I'm going to turn it over to the manager and I guess Ms. Harris.

**Marie Harris, Strategy and Budget** said thank you and good evening, Mayor and Council. You have before you and also in your email the current questions and answers, and I believe Mr. Winston had stepped out, but one of his is also on a business item. So, you'll have time to discuss that further as needed, but was there any other questions on any of the consent items?

**Mayor Lyles** said I don't see anyone saying that they have a question. So, with that, let me go ahead and ask before we go to our presentations, is there anyone that would like to have a consent item for comment before we go into that section of voting on the consent items?

Ms. Harris said no, none in the room.

Mayor Lyles said okay. So, do we have anyone that would like to have a separate vote on any item?

Ms. Harris said no, none in the room, Mayor.

**Mayor Lyles** said alright so we'll now go, I think if that's workable for everyone, we can take care of our consent items since there's no changes by the staff or requests by the Council. So, I'd like to go to the item where we would have a roll call vote on the adoption of consent items 30 through, let's see what's our last one.

**Councilmember Egleston** said 85.

Mayor Lyle said 85, thank you, Mr. Egleston. Do I have a motion to approve the consent agenda?

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM NO. 6: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 30 THROUGH 85 MAY BE CONSIDERED IN ONE MOTION EXCEPT FOR THOSE ITEMS REMOVED BY A COUNCIL MEMBER. ITEMS ARE REMOVED BY NOTIFYING THE CITY CLERK.

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda items 30 through 85 as presented.

The following items were approved:

Item No. 30: Network Equipment Refresh

(A) Authorize the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds for the purchase of network equipment and related services, (B) Approve the purchase of network equipment and related services from a federal contract, (C) Approve unit price contracts with Data Network Solutions, Inc. and Synnex Corporation for the purchase of network equipment and related services for a term of two years under GSA MAS Contract 47QTCA19D00MM, (D) Authorize the City Manager to extend these contracts for additional terms as long as the federal contracts are in effect, at prices and terms that are the same or more favorable than those offered under the federal contracts, and (E) Authorize the City Manager to purchase such additional software licenses, services, hardware, maintenance, and support as required to maintain the system for as long as the City uses the system.

Item No. 31: Land for Charlotte Fire Department

(A) Approve the purchase of a 3.12-acre property located at 3019 Beam Road (Parcel Identification Number 141-241-04) in the amount of \$800,000 from Catherine Huntley and Ronald Husband Jr. for the relocation of Firehouse 30, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute any documents necessary to complete this transaction.

Item No. 32: Liquid Asphalt for Roadway Repairs

(A) Approve a unit price contract to the lowest responsive bidder Blythe Construction dba BCI Materials Inc for an initial term of one year for the purchase of liquid asphalt for roadway repairs, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract up to four, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Summary of Bids

\* The complete Summary of Bids is available in the City Clerk’s Office

Item No. 33: Construct Backlot Trail

Approve a contract in the amount of \$924,762.30 to the lowest responsive bidder Husky Construction Corp. for the Backlot Trail Project.

Summary of Bids

Husky Construction Corp.	\$924,762.30
United Construction Company Inc.	\$1,122,071.50
OnSite Development	\$1,404,499.80
United of Carolinas, Inc.	\$1,438,565.15

Item No. 34: Construct Parkwood Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project

Approve a contract in the amount of \$5,386,851.53 to the lowest responsive bidder Sealand Contractors Corp. for the Parkwood Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project.

Summary of Bids

Sealand Contractors Corp.	\$5,386,851.53
Blythe Development Co.	\$6,237,721.99

Onsite Development, LLC

\$6,257,754.80

**Item No. 35: Design Northwest Division Police Station**

Approve a contract in the amount of \$1,257,403 with Southside Constructors, Inc. for Phase 1 Services of the CMPD Northwest Division Progressive Design-Build Project.

**Item No. 36: International Class Heavy Truck Repair and Related Services**

(A) Approve a unit price contract with Rush Truck Center Charlotte for International class heavy truck repair and related services for an initial term of three years, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

**Item No. 37: Parking Management Services for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center Parking Deck**

(A) Approve a contract with Laz Parking Georgia, LLC for parking management services for an initial term of five years, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

**Item No. 38: Public Auction for Disposal of Surplus Equipment**

(A) Adopt a resolution declaring specific vehicles, equipment, and other miscellaneous items as surplus, (B) Authorize said items for sale by public auction on April 2, 2022, and (C) Authorize the City Manager to approve certain administrative and storage fees as may be required from time to time for auction events.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Pages 533-543.

**Item No. 39: Construct Briar Creek-Green Oaks Storm Drainage Improvement Project**

Approve a contract in the amount of \$6,086,569.50 to the lowest responsive bidder Crowder Construction Company for the Briar Creek-Green Oaks Storm Drainage Improvement Project.

**Summary of Bids**

Crowder Construction Company	\$6,086,569.50
Sealand Contractors Corp.	\$6,583,021.83
United of Carolinas Inc.	\$6,894,981.50
Blythe Development Company	\$9,097,788.70

**Item No. 40: Storm Drainage Improvement Projects Contract**

Approve a contract in the amount of \$1,388,506.85 to the lowest responsive bidder GreenWater Development, Inc. (SBE) for the collective Storm Drainage Improvement Projects Series L.

**Summary of Bids**

GreenWater Development, Inc.	\$1,388,506.85
United of Carolinas Inc.	\$1,577,320.92
OnSite Development, LLC	\$1,681,977.00
United Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,850,517.60
Sealand Contractors Corp.	\$2,073,930.63

**Item No. 41: Pipe Inspection and Data Collection Services**

(A) Approve a unit price contract with Infrastructure Technologies, LLC to provide pipe inspection and data collection support services for an initial term of five years, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to five, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

**Item No. 42: Professional Engineering Services for Restoration and Surface Water Quality Projects**

(A) Approve unit price contracts with the following companies for stream restoration

professional services for an initial term of three years: - Hazen and Sawyer PC; - Kimley-Horn; and - SWCA Environmental Consulting & Engineering, Inc.; (B) Approve unit price contracts with the following companies for surface water quality enhancement services for an initial term of three years: - Gavel & Dorn Engineering, PLLC; - HDR Engineering Inc. of the Carolinas; and - LJB Inc; (C) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contracts for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contracts consistent with the purpose for which the contracts were approved.

**Item No. 43: Mount Holly Pump Station and Forcemain Construction**

Approve a guaranteed maximum price of \$15,135,166 to The Haskell Company for Design-Build construction services for the Mount Holly Pump Station and Force Main Project.

**Item No. 44: Natural Gas Line Relocation Agreement Amendment**

Approve amendment #1 for \$687,844.53 to the agreement with Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. for the relocation of a gas pipeline for the McAlpine Creek Relief Sanitary Sewer Phase 3 Project.

**Item No. 45: Stowe Regional Water Resource Recovery Facility Construction**

Approve a guaranteed maximum price of \$61,150,733 to The Haskell Company for Design-Build construction services for the Stowe Regional Water Resource Recovery Facility Influent Pump Station and Headworks Project.

**Item No. 46: Water Main Rehabilitation**

(A) Approve a unit price contract with the lowest responsive bidder Mainlining America, LLC for water main rehabilitation for an initial term of one year, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to three, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

**Summary of Bids**

Mainlining America LLC	\$3,883,797.39
Spray in Place Solutions	\$4,283,578.89
J. Fletcher Creamer & Son Inc.	\$5,179,504.42
Michels Pipe Services	\$5,395,437.30
Carolina Tap & Bore Inc	\$5,597,090.32

**Item No. 47: Water Transmission Main Improvements and Repairs**

Approve a guaranteed maximum price of \$1,605,963 to State Utility Contractors, Inc. for Design-Build construction services for the Water Transmission Main Improvements and Repairs project.

**Item No. 48: Airport Brush Mowing Contracts**

(A) Approve a unit price contract with Carolina Commercial Landscaping, LLC (SBE) for brush mowing, minor trimming, landscaping, and trash removal for City-owned parcels in Zone 2 for an initial term of three years, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

**Item No. 49: Airport Concourse A Expansion Phase 2**

(A) Approve a contract in the amount of \$172,599,811.11 with JE Dunn-McFarland, A Joint Venture, for construction manager at risk services for the Concourse A Expansion Phase 2 project, (B) Approve contract amendment #5 for \$4,008,000 to Perkins+Will North Carolina, Inc. for construction administration services for the construction phase of the project, and (C) Approve a contract in the amount of \$557,338.50 with ECS Southeast, LLP for construction materials testing and special inspections.

**Item No. 50: Airport Dual Taxilane Construction Contract**

(A) Approve a contract in the amount of \$10,155,226 to the lowest responsive bidder Hi-Way Paving, Inc. for the Airport Ramp D&E Dual Taxilane project construction, and (B)

Approve contract amendment #1 for \$885,887 to RS&H Architects-Engineers-Planners, Inc. for construction administration services for the construction phase of the Airport Ramp D&Mr. Egleston said Dual Taxilane Project.

### **Summary of Bids**

\* The complete Summary of bid is available in the City Clerk's Office

#### **Item No. 51: Passenger Boarding Bridge Bag Slides and Parts**

(A) Approve the purchase of passenger boarding bridge bag slides and replacement parts by the sole source exemption, and (B) Approve a contract with AGSA LLC DBA PAGE GSE for the purchase of passenger boarding bridge bag slides for the term of five years.

#### **Item No. 52: Bond Issuance Approval for Historic Nathaniel Carr Senior Community**

Adopt a resolution granting INLIVIAN's request to issue multi-family housing revenue bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$19,500,000, to finance the development of Historic Nathaniel Carr Senior Community.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page(s) 544-547.

#### **Item No. 53: Resolution of Intent to Abandon Unopened Maplewood Road off West Mallard Creek Church Road**

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon unopened Maplewood Road off West Mallard Creek Church Road, and (B) Set a Public Hearing for May 9, 2022.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page(s) 548-549.

#### **Item No. 54: Resolution of Intent to Abandon a Portion of Fountain View and Garden Terrace Rights-of-Way**

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon a portion of Fountain View and Garden Terrace rights-of-way, and (B) Set a Public Hearing for May 9, 2022.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page(s) 550-551.

#### **Item No. 55: Resolution of Intent to Abandon a Portion of Alleyways off Chamberlain Avenue**

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon a portion of alleyways off Chamberlain Avenue, and (B) Set a Public Hearing for May 9, 2022.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page(s) 552-553.

#### **Item No. 56: Resolution of Intent to Abandon a Portion of the Alleyway Between Fountain View and Garden Terrace and a Portion of the Alleyway off Scott Avenue**

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon a portion of the alleyway between Fountain View and Garden Terrace and a portion of the alleyway off Scott Avenue, and (B) Set a Public Hearing for May 9, 2022.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page(s) 554-555.

#### **Item No. 57: Resolution of Intent to Abandon Memorial Place and an Alleyway off Memorial Place**

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon Memorial Place and an alleyway off Memorial Place, and (B) Set a Public Hearing for May 9, 2022.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page(s) 556-557.

#### **Item No. 58: Resolution of Intent to Abandon Mineral Springs Road at North US 29 By-Pass**

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon Mineral Springs Road at North US 29 By-Pass, and (B) Set a Public Hearing for May 9, 2022.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page(s) 558-559.

**Item No. 59: Resolution of Intent to Abandon an Unopened Right-of-Way off Liggett Street, a Portion of Unopened Heywood Avenue Right-of-Way, and a Portion of the Alleyway off Alleghany Street**

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon an unopened Right-of-Way off Liggett Street, a portion of unopened Heywood Avenue right-of-way, and a portion of the alleyway off Alleghany Street, and (B) Set a Public Hearing for May 9, 2022.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page(s) 560-561.

**Item No. 60: Set a Public Hearing on Garrison Road Industrial Phase 1 Voluntary Annexation**

(A) Adopt a resolution setting a public hearing for May 9, 2022, for the Garrison Road Industrial Phase 1 voluntary annexation petition.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page(s) 562-565.

**PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

**IN REM REMEDY**

**Item No. 61: In Rem Remedy 1905 Allen Street**

Adopt Ordinance No. 277-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 1905 Allen Street (Neighborhood Profile Area 386).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 64, at Page(s) 678.

**Item No. 62: Aviation Property Transactions - 9431 Dorcas Lane**

Acquisition of 2.524 acres at 9431 Dorcas Lane from Paul G. Peak for \$179,500, and all relocation benefits in compliance with Federal, State, or Local regulations for EIS Mitigation Land South.

**Item No. 63: Charlotte Water Property Transactions - Charlotte Airport Area Waterline Progressive Design-Build Project (Old Dowd Road 24" WM Connect), Parcel #16**

Resolution of Condemnation of 2,275 square feet. (0.05 acres) in Waterline Easement at 2527 Little Rock Road from MSC Carolinas, LLC for \$11,925 for Charlotte Airport Area Waterline Progressive Design-Build Project (Old Dowd Road 24" WM Connect), Parcel #16.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page (s) 566.

**Item No. 64: Charlotte Water Property Transactions - Charlotte Airport Area Waterline Progressive Design-Build Project (Old Dowd Road 24" WM Connect), Parcel #17**

Resolution of Condemnation of 3,120 square feet. (0.07 acres) in Waterline Easement, plus 499 square feet. (0.01 acres) in Temporary Construction Easement at 2501 Little Rock Road from MDC NC1, LP for \$30,275 for Charlotte Airport Area Waterline Progressive Design-Build Project (Old Dowd Road 24" WM Connect), Parcel #17.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page (s) 567.

**Item No. 65: Charlotte Water Property Transactions - Irwin Basin Tributary to Remount Road Sewer Replacement Easement, Parcel #4**

Resolution of Condemnation of 6,138 square feet. (0.14 acres) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 25,046 square feet. (0.58 acres) in Temporary Construction Easement at

Toomey Avenue from Toomey One, LLC for \$298,275 for Irwin Basin Tributary to Remount Road Sewer Replacement Easement, Parcel #4.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page (s) 568.

**Item No. 66: Charlotte Water Property Transactions - North Tryon Pressure Zone Boundary Change and 960 Zone N-S Transmission Main (WT Harris-Plott Rd. Water Transmission), Parcel #23**

Resolution of Condemnation of 10,133 square feet. (0.23 acres) in Permanent Utility Easement and 8,466 square feet. (0.19 acres) in Temporary Construction Easement at 7133 Lawyers Road from Lawyers Road Professional Park, Inc. for \$33,300 for North Tryon Pressure Zone Boundary Change and 960 Zone N-S Transmission Main (WT Harris-Plott Rd. Water Transmission), Parcel #23.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page (s) 569.

**Item No. 67: Charlotte Water Property Transactions - North Tryon Pressure Zone Boundary Change and 960 Zone N-S Transmission Main (WT Harris-Plott Rd. Water Transmission), Parcel #32**

Resolution of Condemnation of 50,784 square feet. (1.17 acres) in Permanent Utility Easement, plus 6,786 square feet. (0.16 acres) in Temporary Construction Easement at 7881 Petrea Lane from The Landing at Hickory Grove Homeowners Association for \$167,425 for North Tryon Pressure Zone Boundary Change and 960 Zone N-S Transmission Main (WT Harris-Plott Rd. Water Transmission), Parcel #32.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page (s) 570.

**Item No. 68: Charlotte Water Property Transactions - North Tryon Pressure Zone Boundary Change and 960 Zone N-S Transmission Main (WT Harris-Plott Rd. Water Transmission), Parcel #33**

Resolution of Condemnation of 6,031 square feet. (0.14 acres) in Permanent Utility Easement, plus 4,429 square feet. (0.10 acres) in Temporary Construction Easement at Trysting Road at E. W.T. Harris Blvd. (no physical address) from Hickory Commons Homeowners Association for \$8,025 for North Tryon Pressure Zone Boundary Change and 960 Zone N-S Transmission Main (WT Harris-Plott Rd. Water Transmission), Parcel #33.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page (s) 571.

**Item No. 69: Charlotte Water Property Transactions - Upper Little Sugar Creek Trunk Sewer Atrium Segment, Parcel #4**

Resolution of Condemnation of 1,266 square feet. (0.03 acres) in Sanitary Sewer Easement at 1614 Lombardy Circle from Robert B. Coover and Christianne Coover for \$17,400 for Upper Little Sugar Creek Trunk Sewer Atrium Segment, Parcel #4.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page (s) 572.

**Item No. 70: Property Transactions - DeArmon Road Improvements, Parcel #37 and 39**

Acquisition of 10,075 square feet. (0.231 acres) Utility Easement, 1,456 square feet. (0.033 acres) Slope Easement, 6,649 square feet. (0.153 acres) Sidewalk Utility Easement, 3,215 square feet. (0.073 acres) Temporary Construction Easement, 1,581 square feet. (0.040 acres) Storm Drainage Easement, 218 square feet. (0.005 acres) Fee Simple at 0, 12400, and 12545 Jessica Place from Prosperity Village Homeowners Association for \$111,525 for DeArmon Road Improvements, Parcel #37 and 39.

**Item No. 71: Property Transactions - Dixie River Road WM Extension, Parcel #39**

Acquisition of 2,930 square feet. (0.067 acres) Utility Easement at 6735 Dixie River Rd from Thomas C. O'Neil for \$12,550 for Dixie River Road WM Extension, Parcel #39.

**Item No. 72: Property Transactions - Monroe Road Streetscape, parcel #5**

Resolution of Condemnation of 941 square feet. (0.022 acres) Sidewalk Utility Easement, 3,601 square feet. (0.083 acres) Temporary Construction Easement at 1350 North Wendover Road and 4100 Monroe Road from Monroe Road Streetscape for \$53,675 for Monroe Road Streetscape, parcel #5.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page (s) 573.

**Item No. 73: Property Transactions - Monroe Road Streetscape, parcel #6**

Resolution of Condemnation of 85 square feet. (0.002 acres) Bus Stop Improvement Easement, 2,708 square feet. (0.062 acres) Sidewalk Utility Easement, 3,806 square feet. (0.087 acres) Temporary Construction Easement at 4118 Monroe Road from Mec-Tric Properties Inc. for \$37,225 for Monroe Road Streetscape, parcel #6.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page (s) 574.

**Item No. 74: Property Transactions - Monroe Road Streetscape, parcel #18 and 20**

Resolution of Condemnation of 2,580 square feet. (0.059 acres) Utility Easement, 434 square feet. (0.01 acres) Storm Drainage Easement, 2,297 square feet. (0.053 acres) Sidewalk Utility Easement, 1,934 square feet. (0.044 acres) Temporary Construction Easement at 4326 Monroe Road from Momar Realty LLC for \$101,794 for Monroe Road Streetscape, parcels #18 and 20.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page (s) 575.

**Item No. 75: Property Transactions - Monroe Road Streetscape, parcel #28**

Acquisition of 775 square feet. (0.018 acres) Utility Easement, 578 square feet. (0.013 acres) Sidewalk Utility Easement, 397 square feet. (0.009 acres) Temporary Construction Easement at 4417 Monroe Road from Vickie L. Renfro for \$33,775 for Monroe Road Streetscape, parcel #28.

**Item No. 76: Property Transactions - Monroe Road Streetscape, parcel #29**

Resolution of Condemnation of 1,181 square feet. (0.027 acres) Utility Easement, 1,188 square feet. (0.027 acres) Sidewalk Utility Easement, 791 square feet. (0.018 acres) Temporary Construction Easement at 4419 Monroe Road from St. George Eritrean Orthodox Church Inc. for \$41,800 for Monroe Road Streetscape, parcel #29.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page (s) 576.

**Item No. 77: Property Transactions - Monroe Road Streetscape, parcel #45**

Resolution of Condemnation of 71 square feet. (0.002 acres) Storm Drainage Easement, 1,090 square feet. (0.025 acres) Sidewalk Utility Easement, 678 square feet. (0.016 acres) Temporary Construction Easement at 4814 Monroe Road from The Zeje Group LLC for \$16,800 for Monroe Road Streetscape, parcel #45.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page (s) 577.

**Item No. 78: Property Transactions - Monroe Road Streetscape, parcel #49**

Acquisition of 1,108 square feet. (0.025 acres) Sidewalk Utility Easement, 1,196 square feet. (0.027 acres) Temporary Construction Easement at 4910 Monroe Road from David S Segrest for \$25,000 for Monroe Road Streetscape, parcel #49.



**Item No. 79: Property Transactions - Monroe Road Streetscape, parcel #51**

Resolution of Condemnation of 1,112 square feet. (0.026 acres) Sidewalk Utility Easement, 1,036 square feet. (0.024 acres) Temporary Construction Easement at 4914 Monroe Road from DBL Happy LLC for \$23,175 for Monroe Road Streetscape, parcel #51.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page (s) 578.

**Item No. 80: Property Transactions - Monroe Road Streetscape, parcel #52**

Resolution of Condemnation of 1,113 square feet. (0.026 acres) Sidewalk Utility Easement, 987 square feet. (0.023 acres) Temporary Construction Easement at 4920 Monroe Road from Emma Allen Insurance Agency Inc for \$40,425 for Monroe Road Streetscape, parcel #52.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page (s) 579.

**Item No. 81: Property Transactions - Monroe Road Streetscape, parcel #60**

Acquisition of 978 square feet. (0.022 acres) Sidewalk Utility Easement, 3,019 square feet. (0.069 acres) Temporary Construction Easement at 5037 Monroe Road from Oakhurst Baptist Church for \$23,375 for Monroe Road Streetscape, parcel #60.

**Item No. 82: Property Transactions - XCLT Craighead to Tryon, parcel #8**

Acquisition of 1,843 square feet. (0.042 acres) Greenway Easement, 965 square feet. (0.022 acres) Temporary Construction Easement at 4301 and 4311 Raleigh Street from Raleigh 20 LLC for \$46,450 for XCLT Craighead to Tryon, parcel #8.

**Item No. 83: Property Transactions - XCLT Orr Road to Rocky River Road, Parcel #7 and 8**

Resolution of Condemnation of 14,023 square feet. (0.322 acres) Greenway Easement, 13,905 square feet. (0.319 acres) Temporary Construction Easement, 983 square feet. (0.02 acres) Sidewalk Utility Easement at 5801 Orr Road from 5801 and 5803 Orr Road LLC for \$65,825 for XCLT Orr Road to Rocky River Road, Parcel #7 and 8.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page (s) 580.

**Item No. 84: Property Transactions - XCLT Orr Road to Rocky River Road, Parcel #15**

Resolution of Condemnation of 39,229 square feet. (0.901 acres) Greenway Easement, 39,906 square feet. (0.916 acres) Temporary Construction Easement at 6028 McDaniel Lane from Charlotte Hills Mobile Home Park LLC for \$60,875 for XCLT Orr Road to Rocky River Road, Parcel #15.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page (s) 581.

**Item No. 85: Property Transactions - XCLT Orr Road to Rocky River Road, Parcel #18**

Resolution of Condemnation of 12,442 square feet. (0.286 acres) Greenway Easement, 13,993 square feet. (0.321 acres) Temporary Construction Easement at Ann Elizabeth Drive, Malcom Lane, Bessie Court, Moulton Court, Timberway Drive, Margaret Belle Lane, Martha Ellen Lane from Kingswood NC LLC for \$21,175 for XCLT Orr Road to Rocky River Road, Parcel #18.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page (s) 582.

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**ITEM NO. 2: AGENDA REVIEW**

**Marcus Jones, City Manager** said thank you, Mayor and members of the Council. We have three items for you tonight on the Action Review. Shawn Heath would give us a home program update. You may recall that there is about \$9 and a half million dollars that has yet to be programmed. We didn't have a chance to discuss it with you at the last meeting. Shawn will lead off today and then we have Sarah Hazel, which she will give you an update with the Strategic Energy Action Plan or SEAP. Then lastly, we will have Alyson Craig available in 267 today to talk about the policy map update. But when we actually get into the chamber under the Manager's Report, Alyson will be able to provide similar updates so that the public, while you are in the Business Meeting, can hear that too. Mayor, we have no closed session items so at the end I'd like to turn it back over to you and then eventually to Shawn.

**Councilmember Bokhari arrived at 5:11 p.m.**

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### **ITEM NO. 3: ACTION REVIEW ITEMS**

**Mayor Lyles** said well, let's go without any undue tangles, we'll go to Shawn Heath for the home program update

**Shawn Heath, Special Assistant to The City Manager** said thank you, Mayor Lyles. Good evening, everyone. As Manager Jones mentioned, tonight's stimulus fund presentation relates to a specific allocation received last year by the city of Charlotte, the HUD Home Program. So, this is separate and distinct from the conversations that we've had regarding the \$71 million in local fiscal recovery funds. Tonight, we'll walk through the status of the program in the RFP (Request for Proposal) that was released last year and recommendations will be shared this evening for feedback in hopes of having something for your vote on April 11th. Just as a quick reminder on the Home Art Program, this slide is based on a discussion from December 6th that will look familiar. The city of Charlotte received \$11.6 million under the Home Art Program on December 6th Council approved the use of \$2 million of that funding in support of the Charlotte Rescue Mission, expanding programming related to the rebound program for men, and the council also endorsed the idea of the staff moving forward with an RFP in order to allow the marketplace to respond with their best ideas associated with the remaining \$9.6 million under this allocation.

So, soon after the December 6th meeting, we put the wheels in motion on the RFP very quickly on the process. The RFP went out right before Christmas. We had a pre-submittal conference in early January. There were roughly 75 members of the community that participated in that with an interest in pursuing the RFP. Proposals were due in late January and February. We went through an evaluation process in late March. Here we are with recommendations leading up to the April 11th Business Meeting. For the RFP itself. As you would expect, we had evaluation criteria and a scoring tool that was utilized. The evaluation criteria included agency experience and cost-effectiveness. The evaluation team included folks from Housing and Neighborhood Services as well as Economic Development.

I would point out that Mecklenburg County was directly involved in this effort. So, if you think about all of the allocations under the American Rescue Plan, generally speaking, where possible, the federal government wanted to leverage existing programs as a vehicle to put the money to work. So, the Home Program is something that we're quite accustomed to here in this area. Charlotte serves as the lead agency for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Home Consortium, which includes Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, and the six towns. So, we look at this with a regional lens. I want to mention that now because one of the recommendations tonight is for an organization doing homelessness assistance work in the northern part of the county.

Before we get into the recommendations themselves, I thought it'd be helpful to just quickly highlight how this work fits into the homelessness and housing continuum because this particular allocation has fairly narrowly defined uses, but I didn't want to lose

sight of the bigger picture here. So, going from left to right on the slide, these are different types of interventions or programs, all of which would be designed to either prevent and or address homelessness in Charlotte and the City of Charlotte is engaged in all of these efforts in various ways. So, in homelessness prevention, if you think about the work that we've done in the last couple of years related to emergency rental assistance in emergency shelter space, think about the things that we've done with Roof Above and Salvation Army. I'll skip the items in blue font because that's the focus for tonight's presentation. Moving far to the right and self-sufficiency. Everything the City of Charlotte has done associated with things like permanent supportive housing, projects we've supported with the Dream Key and Roof Above, for example, and then also everything that the city is doing in that 30% mean below space. So, the blue font, which is the real sweet spot for this particular RFP, is rental assistance and supportive services. And the way I would think about this is these opportunities are really a bridge between homelessness and self-sufficiency. So, what are all the things that can be done to help individuals that have been homeless, to be prepared to be successful in either permanent supportive housing or true self-sufficiency?

**Councilmember Phipps arrived at 5:26 p.m.**

So, with the housing first mentality, the tenant-based rental assistance comes into play, and then the whole range of supportive services, including case management, housing, navigation, and everything related to mental health and substance use; all of these things are intended to serve as a bridge in order to help these individuals in these households be ready for permanent housing. This is a summary of the recommendations, and this would fully deploy the available balance of about \$9.6 million. The way these are sorted, the first four recommendations are each combination of proposals that include both rental assistance and supportive services. Then there are two social services relatives in particular that are focused exclusively on supportive services in one RFP. One proposal relates just to rental assistance, and that was from the Salvation Army. So, I'll quickly go through each of these and then open it up for any feedback or questions that you've got.

First, on the United Way, this was the largest proposal that we're recommending. This is really an extension of a lot of the work that was started last year under the CARES ACT (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) with the CARES ESG (Emergency Solution Grant) funding that was received by the city of Charlotte. There was a \$2 million recommendation that was approved by the Council last year and that really related to individuals in the community that were being housed in hotels, a number of individuals that were referred to that programming from the North End encampment. So, this builds on something that we've been working on with the United Way over the past year or so. The way that this would be structured is roughly two-thirds of the funding would go towards tenant-based rental assistance, and the other third would go towards supportive services. This would help roughly 150 clients over a two-year basis and consistent with the way the program was structured last year with the United Way, this would be set up as a collaborative type of project. The United Way would essentially serve as the quarterback organization. They would bring other agency partners into the fold that can help out with things like case management services and other supportive services.

The Roof Above here, once again, is another combination proposal with rental assistance and supportive services. Here, roughly 75 percent of the funding would go towards rental-based rental assistance, with the balance on supportive services. The focus for the Roof Above programing would be on senior citizens and individuals with disabilities. They would primarily serve men in their shelters but would also accept some referrals from other agencies. All participants would be served by a case manager. One of the benefits here, of course, is it would free up shelter capacity all while serving as a bridge towards permanent supportive housing for these individuals. Moving on to Hope House Foundation, this is the entity that I alluded to earlier that provides homeless-related services in North Mecklenburg County, with the HUD (Housing and Urban Development) home being a regional program. As I mentioned, we had someone from the county serving on the review committee. This particular proposal is primarily in the supportive services space that would support women and children in the North Mecklenburg County region that are seeking to move and transition into permanent supportive housing. Once again,

a lot of recurring themes here, an emphasis on case management, and an emphasis on working with these women and children to address housing barriers that they face. Everything from employment assistance, life skills training, mental health support, and financial support, which could include application fees, moving expenses, security deposits, and the like.

And then very short-term rental assistance here would be the first month of a new lease, essentially. Dream Key Partners. This was an interesting proposal and one of the things that we did was encouraged local partners to look for opportunities to put forward collaborative proposals, and this was a good example of one. So, under this arrangement, Dream Key would work directly with Freedom Fighting Missionaries and Freedom Fighting Missionaries is a Charlotte-based nonprofit. They work primarily with formerly incarcerated members of the community, helping them on a path to self-sufficiency and housing stability. The way this model would work is that individuals that have gone through the Freedom Fighting Missionaries, and Homelessness to Housing program would then be referred into a Dream Key educational series which is focused on financial stability. So, helping these individuals understand credit scores and how to improve credit scores, helping these individuals understand how to set up a budget, how to manage money, etc., etc. coming out of the educational series, there would be some housing counseling, and on the heels of the housing counseling, there's the opportunity for a three-month rental subsidy as part of this program and then followed by ongoing support once they're in suitable housing. This would be designed to support 30 clients per year over a two-year basis.

Socialserve is of course a local partner that we've worked with in the past successfully. The focus here is really on housing and navigation services. I'll mention that this is something that was discussed today in the Great Neighborhoods Committee as one among a range of recommendations that can help as it relates to the source of income protections. So, with the housing navigation services, it's basically a tenant-landlord liaison service. So, these folks from Socialserve are recruiting landlords and helping to negotiate leases, assisting tenants with financial barriers. Most importantly, they're staying in contact with these landlords once individuals are moved into these properties. So, it really provides great value to both the landlord and the tenant. You know, in our view, this is one very effective way to start removing barriers and increasing landlord participation in both things like tenant base rental assistance as well as Housing Choice Vouchers in the community. So, we'd love to find this opportunity as a way to build the capacity for Socialserve and the great work that they're doing. They can help with the chronic homeless population. They can help individuals and families that are housed in hotels. They can help individuals who have housing choice vouchers. As we discussed in Great Neighborhoods today, many individuals in the community that have housing choice vouchers either face a scenario where they're successful in their search, but it takes them multiple months to find housing and or they're searching for housing for so long that their vouchers, in fact, eventually do expire. So, Socialserve is playing a growing role in the community and doing good work. I would mention as an aside that this is one example of an organization that Mecklenburg County is also funding through their recent allocation of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act). The Relatives. Once again, an organization that the city provided some support to last year with stimulus funds. The Relatives programming is really focused on youth and young adults in crisis, including individuals in runaway situations and in homeless situations.

This funding would enable the Relatives to hire and sustain two outreach workers over a three-year period. So once again, working with members of the youth community up to 24 years old, but oftentimes teens and very young teens that are in difficult situations, these outreach workers would target reaching as many as 60 individuals per month over a multi-year basis in order to better connect them to local resources, including things that the relatives has in place with some of their own facilities and other agencies as well. This, once again, is another entity that's been supported by Mecklenburg County just a couple of weeks ago through their ARPA funding as well.

And then finally here, Salvation Army. This one is focused on rental assistance on their rapid rehousing programing, which targets women and families that are experiencing homelessness. This is set up as a short-term rental subsidy, generally ranging from 3 to

12 months, and it's estimated that this could support 60 households over a four-year basis. That's probably a fairly conservative number. It may end up being much more than that. This is for participants that are referred through Mecklenburg County's coordinated entry process. So, I went through those fairly quickly, but I reinforce that we believe we received very strong recommendations. The staff is enthusiastic about the opportunities here. We think there are points of alignment with city priorities in terms of the Housing Charlotte framework and the focus on members of the community of 30 percent AMI (Area Median Income) and below. When we discussed this opportunity in December, we made a direct linkage to the 2025 Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing and Homeless Strategy, which has since been rebranded as A Home For All. This hopefully, at least in some small way, demonstrates another step in the right direction to help deal with some of those significant challenges. I mentioned earlier before, as it relates specifically to the Social Serve recommendation on housing navigation, that recommendation is of direct relevance to the source of income conversations that have been held with Great Neighborhoods.

Just to state the obvious, we think that these recommendations are focusing on very compelling community needs. When you stack it up and then you think about the potential for the \$10 Million to have an impact in the community over the next few years and you think about the work that Socialserve can do with housing navigators, the work that the Relatives can do with outreach workers, and then all of the individuals that can benefit from tenant-based rental assistance as well as supportive services, it starts to approach roughly 3000 individuals that can be positively impacted by that, by this work.

We also feel confident that we've got a number of proven partners built into the recommendations set here and we like the opportunity also, with Dream Key, presenting us with the partnership collaboration with an organization that I'm not aware if we have worked with in the past, but doing important work in the community. So, we'd love to help activate their work even more. So, I will stop there and be receptive to any feedback you have and questions you may have as well.

**Councilmember Graham** said thank you, Shawn, for the presentation. My first question is, all of the stakeholders providing the services are tried and proven, and so I accept that but were there any consideration to grassroots organizations that are not the usual suspects? I know there were a lot of individuals who joined the tent city. Grassroots in nature, did a lot of good work and so were they ever involved in the evaluation of submitting the application or our approach in terms of providing a service?

Mr. Heath said what we really reinforced was wanting kind of the established players to look for opportunities to partner with smaller organizations where they could. So, I guess I would repeat myself and just point to the Dream Key and Freedom Fighting Missionaries as a great example of that. You know, there may have been other small examples along the way. You know, generally speaking, it was the bigger players that have the proven capacity, that have the expertise to deliver on this program. So, we have a high degree of confidence that we'll get a good bang for the buck. You know, we were certainly receptive to organizations of all sizes presenting us with their best opportunity.

Mr. Graham said and then secondly, in terms of the report card and accountability, so will these organizations come back to us and at some point in time to kind of update us or will you do in terms of where they're at in terms of the accountability for the dollars that they're receiving?

Mr. Heath said yes and thank you for asking that. It kind of reminds me of what I mentioned about the work that we did with the United Way last year and the residents from the North End encampment. They share information on the programming. We request information on the programming. For example, I can give you a sense for how all of the clients that were referred to us under that particular model, what the status of that is today. In the proposal and all instances, we're asking for these agencies to help us understand how they would define success and how they would measure success. So, that was part of our evaluation process. Each of them are slightly different, and I've jotted down some notes, but in all cases, as it relates to tenant-based rental assistance and

supportive services, you know this is tough work, right? I'm stating the obvious and a 100% success rate is not necessarily feasible, but you want the highest percentage of individuals successfully moving through the process into either permanent supportive housing and or self-sufficiency within the lowest possible relapse rate over the next 12 to 24 months.

So, those are the sorts of things that these agencies have highlighted as a focal point in terms of measuring performance and that's the sort of thing that we'll certainly be monitoring.

Mr. Graham said and the last question, Madam Mayor Pro Tem. So, how do we get the word out to these various organizations? Same question I asked you earlier today these programs are available to the public, the resources that they're there, and people there to help. How do we get the word out to the community?

Mr. Heath said thank you and I think the biggest part here will be partnering with these agencies who are very embedded in the community. You know, in many instances, they're essentially working with their current referral base and we're providing funding for them to, you know, juice up their capacity to a degree, but for any of these recommendations where it's something that's new or new-ish, we'll work for them to make sure the right stakeholders are aware and that we're getting the word out.

Mr. Graham said thank you Madam Mayor Pro Tem.

**Marcus Jones** said Shaw, I apologize if you said this earlier, but I guess I'm trying to frame this a little bit. So, I asked Shawn when we start to think about CARES funds and I can't do all the acronyms, but CARES ESG, CARES CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) emergency rental assistance, ARPA, CARES SLFR (State and Local Fiscal Recovery) Fund, this council. This council has gotten almost \$100 million out into the community. So, \$94 million, and then on top of that tonight, Shawn is talking about this roughly nine and a half in. There's still another \$70 million that's related to housing and homelessness. We haven't even begun to talk about the May 22, \$71 million ARPA funds. So sometimes those grants are so small, but again, this is just a small piece of what you've been doing over the course of the pandemic. Did I get that right?

Mr. Heath said you did and in fact, you mentioned the \$95 million, and that's really just in the homelessness and housing space. And a lot of that was emergency rental assistance and most of the emergency rental assistance that was provided to us was very restricted in nature. We did not have a choice whether to spend it on rental or other or other investment opportunities. So, the numbers add up fast. If you add in things that we did with small business and workforce development, there's \$60 million.

**Councilmember Bokhari** said well, I mean, first, I want to just recognize the good work to get to that point. I think there's an opportunity for us here with the manager to take this stuff to the next level. It's one thing to, you know, kind of measure the impact we've made by dollars flowing out. It's another by outcomes that have been achieved. So, I think at level one, kind of next-level table stakes, we should be asking every one of these partners to quantify for us exactly what the measurement they're going to achieve that they wouldn't have otherwise if those dollars hadn't come in. I saw a couple of inklings of that in there with 30 households here or 60 there. And again, as you start to add that up, you realize the crisis, the need is going to be much, much greater than what we're actually doing, but at least then we'll understand where we are. And not only is that good from the perspective of understanding that we're not just dropping money into good organizations to keep doing what we're doing, they're doing, but setting them up and aiming them all as a bazooka towards a major challenge or thing we want to solve.

And what that does now is if we had done that a year ago or more, we'd be now looking at a heatmap that said green, green, yellow, bright. The people that actually achieved what we set them out to do before. And it becomes an indicator of greater confidence that you know, continuing to work forward with them not only solves the part of the problem but with high confidence, they're going to deliver it. But if that's just level one, I think we

need to go to a level two where, you know, there's duplication across a lot of that stuff, several of them offer financial literacy capabilities, like why, don't we with our money, kind of not just coming to the table with it, but also structuring where we see duplications for shared services and where we see gaps, where no one's doing anything. I think that kind of brings us to number three, the final level. It goes to Malcolm's point, which is, you know, there's a lot of smaller organizations pound for pound and when we look at the number of people, they could impact, there might be ten of them that could do more than one that's getting over one million dollars.

Right. I think that kind of disciplined approach not only helps us engage others, but it also brings what our true power is here, which isn't just the money and throwing it out the door. It's being able to broadcast the word out to everybody and have them come to a single call to action, a single central gathering point where we can start filtering them into the services, not just putting money to the folks that are in certain areas. We're certain people know about it and others don't. So, you know, again, I don't want to discount the work that it took to get to this point. That's great and everyone that worked in staff to get to that point deserves a round of applause, but it's our job to push this forward. And if we just keep doing this year over year, we're never going to tee ourselves up for something bigger. Thank you.

**Councilmember Watlington** said honestly, I'm so happy to hear my colleague's comments in regard to data cover manufacturing, so I love to see a target and an actual. Are we red or green and what are we going to do about it? So, just much of what I was going to say has already been said. I did have a question in particular, considering that we're doing our Financial partners review in the upcoming budget session.

Is there a way that we can see how much money we've distributed to each of our partners who may be designated as such that we've already gotten our packet or who may just be continual partners that we see? I'd love to understand how much money we are actually giving to each of these organizations overall, and to my colleague's point, what were the outcomes? That's something that I think we got to get clear on going forward because progress is great, but we need to understand if we are hitting our glide path to deliver what we like to deliver. A couple of years ago, Lacy Williams started work with grassroots organizations to build capacity. It was part of the Safe Charlotte work.

I'd like to understand where are we with that. What have the grassroots organizations been able to learn? Have they grown? How have their outcomes increased? How are they in a position to get some of these dollars in any different way than they were back then? I'd like to see a report on the status of that work. And then finally, when it comes to, I'll say, communication or marketing, getting this word out, I'd like to see something a little more formal than our usual channels. I'd like to understand from the communication department what, does this plan look like because to your point, there's been an incredible amount of work done and people simply don't know about it. Even as we think about Great Neighborhoods Committee this morning, where we talked about some of the homeownership and stability tools that we have, many people just simply don't know they exist.

So, I'd like to see something beefed up so that we can be clear about how we're reaching people who we haven't reached yet.

**Councilmember Driggs** said thank you, Madam Mayor, Pro Tem. I was interested to know since we have that north Meck, did the county also get a distribution of these funds?

Mr. Heath said thank you. Thank you for asking. I should have clarified that earlier. Since we serve as the lead agency for this consortium city, County, in the six towns, there's only one allocation under this program. So, the \$11.6 million of ARPA under this program came to the city of Charlotte for us to then work with our partners to deploy it countywide.

Mr. Driggs said good. I was wondering if Moore place applied.

Mr. Heath said Moore Place is affiliated with Roof Above.

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Mr. Driggs said that's part of the Roof Above?

Unknown said yeah.

Mr. Driggs said I just wanted to be sure. Thank you. One concern I have about an infusion like this is we put all this money in and we're not in a position to sustain that level of investment. Are we going to arrive at a point where we're no longer able to provide service to people? We get a lot of people enrolled here and, you know, they're not done in a year.

Mr. Heath said right, and these are, generally speaking, 2 to 4-year programs. So, each of these has been designed with that consideration in place because, to your point, it can often take years, right, to move people on this bridge from being homeless into permanent supportive housing or self-sufficiency. So, these have all been set up to serve a certain number of clients during that time period. Then when that time period expires, of course, they'll be questions. Are there other community partners that can come in to provide continued support going forward?

Mr. Driggs said so, we can arrange to have the recipients of these funds allocate the money in such a way as to be able to see their clients through until their graduation date, whatever that is.

Mr. Heath said that's always the intent and I'd use the United Way as an example. In fact, the way that they're thinking about this in terms of serving 150 clients is to do it in a way where you're carrying the investment forward with those individuals. So, you avoid a cliff effect, right? You wouldn't want to have someone in the middle of a 12-month need with only six months of funding and then the tenant-based rental assistance evaporates.

Mr. Driggs said two more quickly. Are any of those that's particularly focused on veterans? Veterans are a particularly vulnerable group. Is anybody serving them in particular?

Mr. Heath said I can't say that I recall a specific call out on veterans, but most of the programming here is designed to serve the population in need. I mean, of course, on any given night we have 3,000 individuals that are homeless in the community.

Mr. Driggs said I want to just follow up and then tell me what the expectation is that veterans will benefit from these investments. And my last point was the most difficult aspect of homelessness is that a lot of people in this situation don't want to be helped or you put them into the men's shelter, they leave again. So, I'm not sure how we answer this, but I'm just curious as we go to make this large investment, are we tackling the neediest and toughest cases, because short of just rounding them up or maybe against their will, how does that work?

Mr. Heath said right. I would say it's a significant challenge. And if you think of the 62 clients that were referred to us last year under the CARES ESG programming with the United Way, I'm told that 14 of those individuals dropped out of the program along the way for various reasons. You know, some of them moved, some of them voluntarily dropped out. Some of them there were behavioral challenges, and they were asked to leave the program, etc. So, it's a long list. You know, there's a continued focus that we have on individuals that are meeting us halfway and have a desire to participate in this program. And we're bringing all the resources we can to bear for the individuals that don't choose to participate in this, our agency partners have street outreach workers that really are perpetually trying to engage that community and look for ways to better pull them into the system.

Mr. Driggs said So, I guess we need very active case management, but anyway, that's all I have. Thank you.

Mr. Jones said so, Mr. Driggs, I would also add, and I think I'm right with this, Shawn, there's the 2025 Mecklenburg Homeless strategy, which has been renamed. What's the new name of it?

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Mr. Heath said Home for All?

Mr. Jones said Home for All and so even before, I guess all the metrics are put together for that, this is basically jump starting, if you will, or if I'm saying that the right way, this would be going towards some of these organizations and strategies that I believe would be blessed by that group. Is that?

Mr. Heath said I think that's entirely fair and the county has their own examples. We've each been trying to demonstrate a continued commitment to that work, even while that work is in between deliverable phases. So, the strategic framework was already released for the Home for All work. That will grow now into implementation planning work. The implementation plan will have discrete, actionable recommendations for the funding needs that will be later in this calendar year, but in between we're working on a source of income protection. We're looking for opportunities to leverage city-owned land for affordable housing. We are leveraging this funding here for support services and tenant-based rental assistance. So, all of those things are of direct relevance to the vision of the 2025 overall plan.

**Councilmember Ajmera** said thank you, Madam Mayor, Pro Tem. Some of my questions were already addressed around measuring the success of some of these distribution dollars. Shawn, this is a really good report. I appreciated. I know that Heal Charlotte is an organization that works at the grassroots level. Many of my colleagues are aware of their work, and I know they have sent us an email or have reached out to some of some council Members about the struggle that they have had working with the city or not being part of any of these distribution dollars. I would like us to look into that as we are working on this plan. Also, I believe a few months ago there was a request from refugee services. I forget the exact name of the agencies that work to house new refugees as they come in and help them settle in our city, especially after some of the Afghan refugees where were struggling to get housing. Is anything in this plan that addresses that agency's request?

Mr. Heath said so, on both of those items for Heal Charlotte, I would quickly mention that we're in the process of developing our contract related to the nonprofit relief program that you approved earlier this year, about three and a half million dollars. By design, some of that is earmarked for grassroots organizations and we'll focus on equity and inclusion as, an investment priority area, the environment, and housing and neighborhood stability. So just wanted to mention that. And then on the Afghan refugees, I had some preliminary conversations with some folks in the two resettlement agencies here in town. It's been a while since we've spoken. I could take that as an assignment to follow up, but at this point, we didn't have anything specific that the staff was bringing forward as a recommendation.

Ms. Ajmera said got it. See, I look forward to having a report on those two items, but great work. I certainly appreciate it. I know many nonprofit organizations have reached out and I've sent them your way I appreciate that you follow through and you'll be able to respond to all of their requests. I really appreciate the work that you have done and continue to do.

**Councilmember Winston** said I think I just have one comment. Go to the United Way slide and it really does echo, I think the sentiment most of my colleagues have made. I would suggest if when this gets approved for this future councils really go into kind of detail reporting of the results and status of former hotel and encampment residents being that you know we know that homeless services, in general, is something housing the county, obviously, we were putting a lot of money and investment in this, but specifically with this group of residents and constituents there is significant, and I think this is my opinion, community concern about those residents and being that we are going to put this money, our money I know is the county's money as well, the City Council is going to have to be responsive to the community about those specific questions, and it's not going to be good enough to just say, you know, go talk to the county to figure that out. Perhaps this is, again, another place where we work closer with the county. I know the staff is working very closely with them, but from an elected standpoint, we don't necessarily have the ability to, we're only as able as you are to have the information and to be responsive

to our constituents. I think we're going to need a different level of information about this particular group of constituencies as this money gets spent.

That might, you know, interact with, again, some of the other groups that have that are servicing this community. Maybe there's a way to work those cross-pollinate those relationships. I don't know. Just put that out there. Thank you.

**Councilmember Johnson** said I just want to piggyback off what my colleagues have talked about as far as outcomes. We should be asking for outcomes from these vendors or and that should just be our practice. Any time that we distribute public dollars, we should be asking for the outcomes, especially with this amount of money that's been given over the last two years. I also want to advocate for the grassroots organizations as a small business and grassroots organization myself, I've said numerous times how hard it is to get a seat at the table and Ms. Ajmera mentioned, Heal Charlotte. There are organizations I know Charles Robinson in my district, he distributed over 10,000 meals during the pandemic, you know, without any public funding. We've been advocating for grassroots organizations. We know we have a program for capacity building. But at some point, we'd like to see the lever be pooled and these organizations be given opportunities. And then I do want to just clarify something that my colleague, Mr. Driggs, said that many of the folks that are homeless want to be homeless or don't want to don't want any help. I just think we should clarify that. I don't know if that's data-driven or if that's anecdotal.

Unknown said that's not what he said.

Ms. Johnson said what did he say? Yes, he did.

Mr. Driggs said a lot of people don't and basically leave again and they get taken into a shelter or a care environment and know it's been a frustration for people engaged in homelessness that they basically relapse, and they show up under the bridge again. So, it's nothing against homeless people. It's just one of the difficulties of addressing the problem.

Ms. Johnson said and you're right, there are behavioral health issues, especially in this state where the Medicaid is not expanded and individuals aren't able to get the medical treatment or up to 50% of individuals who are homeless suffer from a head injury. So, I just didn't want to leave that hanging out there that individuals who are homeless want to be homeless. There's deeper issues, especially in a city that's so unaffordable for so many. There are lots of individuals who are living in hotels who are working. They certainly don't want to be there. It's just the nature of the lack of affordability in our city. Thank you.

**Councilmember Eiselt** said I'll just have a quick comment because I know we have to move on. Some of these agencies have mentioned to me that they have a hard time giving out the money when it's a last-minute need. So, a woman comes in with children. She's about to be evicted and because of all the federal paperwork, they have a hard time using their money to help them right away. Are there strings attached to this money because it is ultimately federal money that would require these agencies to fill out paperwork and do all of that or is it fairly unrestricted as long as they're using it per our guidelines?

Mr. Heath said I would have to look at the specific scenarios. I mean, there are definitely strings attached for sure, but the scenario you described where we've approved the funding, we've released the funding, and they're using the funding in accordance with our agreement. Those scenarios to me sound like they and they can move pretty quickly, but I want to look at the specifics.

Ms. Eiselt said okay. That's all. Thank you.

Mayor Lyles said I think that you raised a really good point about the idea of how the federal funding works and how it can be moved because it is an issue, I believe when we talk about federal funding that requires people to have an eviction, to be able to get rental assistance. One of the things that I hope is that our NEST (Nuisance Enforcement

Strategy) Committee, which is co-chaired by Kim Graham and Justin Harlow, we had a meeting with them and Councilmember Watlington to talk about some of these issues that stand in the way. So, with the federal funding, you have to have an eviction and eviction is longer than a bankruptcy blot on your record. So, how do you begin to deal with some of these things that government stands in the way of doing? How do we make some of those things possible? And I think sometimes when we look at this capacity, I would like to ask not only for the outcomes, but I would like to ask those organizations that stood in your way of getting the work done and where we stand in the way. Are there things that we should have on our legislative package or bring to our own attention that keeps people in the area of homelessness because of rules that apply? I believe that there are opportunities for us to make some changes to go to the legislature and say, Why does an eviction stay on your record for your entire life?

I mean, I just think that there are some things that we should ask all of our partners, not just for the outcome of how they're doing the work with people, but I think we ought to ask again what stands in the way of them being able to do better work and more work for our residents. So, I think if everyone had spoken on this, then we go to the next item on our agenda.

Mr. Jones said Mayor, members of the Council, we have Sarah Hazel. She will come up and speak about the Strategic Energy Action Plan. And again, we've provided to bite at the apple. So, if you're concerned about not hearing from Alyson and Alyson would be available here, but also during the manager's report to talk a bit about the item for tonight. So, Sarah, you're up.

**Sarah Hazel, City Manager Assistant and Office of Sustainability Manager** said I believe you all have in front of you a year three 2021 Strategic Energy Action Plan Report. Sarah Hazel Chief Sustainability and Resiliency Officer. I guess I should start with that. And what I wanted to do today was to point out some highlights from this 2021 report and share with you that this year, year three, even though we've done these reports over the past three years since you unanimously adopted the SEAP (Strategic Energy Action Plan). I think this is a special report because it really demonstrates some of the investments that have been building over time, some policy changes that we've made, and some actions that help us move towards a low carbon and equitable future. So, if you to get into any of the details in the report that we don't cover today, we'll be happy to come back and talk a little bit more about those things. I will say before I dive right in, I do want to acknowledge that while I get the opportunity to be the one who presents this information, this is truly a citywide effort. Departments across the organization have played a major role in some of the results that we've seen over the past three years from CATS (Charlotte Area Transit Center) to Charlotte Water. You'll see some of those highlights in the report. I also want to definitely take a moment to acknowledge Katie Rhodes, who's over in the corner, who's our Strategic Energy Action Plan program manager as well as Heather Bolick, who leads our strategy around sustainable infrastructure and general services. So, a lot of the credit for putting this report together goes to them and some of the actions, as well as the Strategic Energy Act Action Plan Operations Team, which has representatives from every single department in the city.

So just as a reminder, your Strategic Energy Action plan that you adopted has two main goals. One is to strive to source 100 percent of municipal energy in and fleet from zero-carbon sources by 2030, and the other is to become a low-carbon city by 2050. What I wanted to do was just talk a little bit about how we're doing of striving towards the goal of that zero-carbon building. So, let me explain this pie chart to you. We've made significant progress over the past several years powering our buildings with zero-carbon energy. If you look at this pie chart, it sort of shows the split between zero-carbon energy and non-zero-carbon energy and what we need to do to close that gap. So, if you look at the blue slice, which is the Pac-Man-shaped slice, you'll see that is Duke Energy's existing zero-carbon grid mix. So, that's solar, hydro, and nuclear. If you look at the little purple slice that's what Duke Energy is projecting will be zero carbon by 2030 based on their commitments and their own goals to continue to decarbonize their energy grid. Then if you look at the other slices, this is really where we come into play, right?

So, the green slice is the Green Source Advantage program that you all adopted, not last year but the year before. When that comes online, that will make up a significant portion of our zero-carbon energy. Then the light green slice is that on-site solar slice. So, based on the last two budget years of investments of onsite solar commitments, that is the slice that they haven't come online yet because once they do, they're actually going to shrink the size of the pie, which is our energy use. But it will make up that section. Then we look at this red section and really this is the gap that we need to work to close when we're looking at our buildings. So, we close that gap through things like energy efficiency measures, more investments in onsite solar, more investments, and in possible new opportunities that don't exist yet, like large-scale offsets solar, like the Green Source Advantage program. That slice can also be shrunk by that a faster decarbonization by Duke Energy. That's where really continuing to work with Duke as partners, as well as the Utilities Commission, can help us close the gap. So, I wanted to start with that to sort of show you where we are now around our buildings. And then the next couple of slides will touch on some of those strategies.

So, here's a representation of our investments in solar energy, and what I'll say is that once constructed and you look at this map, you can see that with the FY22 budget investments that are currently in design, that will bring our total count to 25 solar systems onsite at our municipal buildings. One of the other big components of our Strategic Energy Action Plan is how we electric fire fleet. And a piece of that is electric vehicle charging. So based on DOE data and we recently ran a report and saw that right now the city of Charlotte has actually installed and maintains and manages 41 percent of all the charging stations in Charlotte. Now, the majority of those are really meant for our fleet. But while they're available and not being completely utilized by our fleet, we've opened them up to be available to the public so that that can help with the market transition to electric vehicles. And so, in 2021, we've seen a bit over 2000 unique drivers' vehicles charging at these stations. And so, when you take the number of electric vehicles we have and you look at that number, you can guess that probably around 2000 people have taken advantage of that opportunity to take charge at one of our charging locations. So back to our fleet.

So, you may have seen that two E-Buses are now on the street. So, we have our first two buses in service and I believe we actually have 15 in our possession, which is really exciting. But on the whole, as of the end of 2021, we had 43 electric vehicles. So, we're striving to hit that zero carbon goal. We're really going to have to look at how advancement and technology play out. And even now, with some of the delays because of COVID (mild to severe respiratory infection caused by the coronavirus) and the supply chain, we're seeing some delays in the vehicles that we've already purchased. But based on your FY22 budget, we should have 88 electric vehicles by the end of this fiscal year. And then one component that you'll see in this report is that we're also reporting not just on the number of vehicles but on the carbon avoided from those investments and I think that's important. So, besides just electrifying our fleet, you've heard a lot from Liz, I know at your last budget session, but investments in a walkable, bikeable Charlotte are investments in our Strategic Energy Action Plan. So, providing opportunities for folks to get out of single occupancy vehicles and into other modes of transportation, whether it's biking, walking, scooting, or public transportation, all really help reduce our carbon emissions and 40 percent of our emissions do come from transportation.

And so, I just wanted to highlight a couple of things here. This is a C-DOT (Charlotte Department of Transportation) initiative, but the All Ages and Abilities Cycling Network, as of the end of 2021, had about 14.5 miles. So, the more we can continue to look at how these initiatives intersect and support our carbon reduction goals, I think the better. So, let me just point to a couple of programs and projects that we're pretty excited about and some of which you may have heard about recently in the news. So, we had a visit from Governor Cooper a couple of weeks ago to look at an innovative pull pilot project. So, the city of Charlotte partnered with UNCC (University of North Carolina Charlotte), Duke Energy, and Centralina to stand up, a really unique project which attaches a charger directly to a utility pole. So, this is a new technology, which is very interesting because it allows for that energy source to be right there on the pole without having to run the conduit. So, it's an opportunity to look at how we can use some of the existing assets that

the city and Duke Energy already has. But even more so, it's an opportunity to think about how we may provide charging in the future for folks who just don't have the opportunity to charge at home.

So, let's say they live in an apartment that doesn't have access to plugging in. Could this possibly be a solution for that? So, we're excited to learn more as we continue with that pilot and we'll have an additional location that will come online this year. Right now, we have one, and it's at the Ritz at Washington Heights. And then we continue to work with economic development and the focus on renewable energy and energy efficiency workforce training programs. This is not the first year. This is our second year and as of now, 86 participants in the program have graduated and about 73 percent of them are working full-time. So, a lot to celebrate there as well. So, I think you may have seen this infographic before, potentially at a mid-year check-in, but I just want to highlight that there are many recent investments in the Strategic Energy Action Plan that are really reflected in some of the actions that you see in the report before you, but one financing first that I did want to highlight is that 2021 marked the first year the city included information about the SEAP and our bond offering documents. I think this is really cool because it demonstrates our commitment to sustainability, and it shows that those are the types of things that investors are really looking at and is certainly an opportunity for us to demonstrate our commitment to the larger community.

And so, two things to note here. We partnered with a nonprofit, fourth, whose mission is to support the electrification of transportation and to provide solutions for folks across the country. And so, this partnership DOE (Department of Energy) grant was recently awarded at the end of last year that will allow us to work together to stand up an electric vehicle car share program and affordable housing. So, we're one of a couple of cities that they're working with, and we're working hand in hand with our Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services and some of the partners that Shawn was just speaking about to really look at what good locations might be to stand up this DOE grant and to figure out how this could be a solution for good transportation, getting people to where they need to go, but doing so in a way that also supports our Strategic Energy Action plan goals.

And then finally, the bottom side here, AC Tripoli American Council for Energy Efficient Economy releases a scorecard every year. And really the scorecard is a way to sort of measure where we stand against other major cities who are standing up for strong sustainability and climate action plans. And we have moved up the ranks from 65 this year to 42, which I wouldn't typically highlight. You know, it's usually like your top ten when you really start to highlight these things, but this is a really significant improvement. We were named the most improved city and it is a big jump for one year. And I just wanted to highlight that because I really believe that the investments and the commitment that this Council has made is a big reason, we were able to make that leap in and start to be among some of the cities who've had programs, strategies for many more years than three in this kind of strategic capacity. So, just something good to highlight there. And we hope to continue to climb up the ranks as the years go on. So, two more notes. One is that this is the first year because of your updated sustainable facilities policy that we will be doing energy benchmarking and publishing that information online. So, you can expect to see this report by the end of the week and it is a report on how our buildings are doing. This is a best practice to benchmark your energy against other similar buildings with the types of similar characteristics that we have. The reason that this is such a great practice is because it not only allows you to sort of see where you stand, but it also allows you to measure over time your own progress and direct investments to where they can make the biggest impact and going back to that initial slide where you can help close the gap on our buildings goals. So finally, I think I'll add to say we've been a part of the American Cities Climate Challenge cohort of cities working to advance climate action over the past two and a half years, which has been a really incredible opportunity. John Thigpen, who's currently our climate advisor, has been a huge, huge help in really moving forward.

A lot of the work that we've done as well as Catherine Kummer, who now works for Kat. So, we institutionalized Catherine Kummer and she is now a part of the city team. But together, when you look at all of the actions that cities who are part of this cohort have done, we are projected to reduce our carbon emissions by 32 percent from 2005 levels

by 2025, and that is surpassing the Paris Agreement. So, while cities are really the places where the largest emissions come from the most emissions, we're also places that can demonstrate great impact, scalable solutions, and innovate. I think this report that came out from the climate challenge, I'm really demonstrating that a lot is possible within cities and city governments, and we're excited to see, that were among the cohort of folks who have made that possible. And so, with that, I'll stop and see if you have any questions about anything that I have here today.

Ms. Eiselt said great work, that's exciting news. I'm going to go to our we have a couple of questions here, Sarah. So, thank you. I'm going to start with Mr. Bokhari.

Mr. Bokhari said thanks, do you have utilization data now that we've got a month or so under our belt from the pole vault thing?

Ms. Hazel said I don't have that handy with me, but I can get that for you. We do, UNC-Charlotte collects it.

Mr. Bokhari said have you seen it though?

Ms. Hazel said so, in the first week, we had about approximately one person using it per day. so, the last time I saw it was week one.

Mr. Bokhari said so, I'd be interested in us getting a full update on that because I think it is an interesting role for us to play as long as we do it right, and from what I've been hearing anecdotally, the utilization just seemingly didn't make a ton of sense for the location that was chosen. I think if we want to promote things in those parts of town, there's other strategies we can deploy that will be much more effective towards the outcomes we need. But, you know, I have other questions like who pays for the ultimate energy from the consumer use?

Ms. Hazel said Duke Energy pays the energy for that pole vault. This is a pilot so we have an MOU (memorandum of understanding) with them. So, these are questions that we'll have to determine a long-term strategy for during this pilot period, but right now, it's Duke Energy, who pays for that energy?

Mr. Bokhari said okay. So, because we're going to ultimately come to a point where we're going to have to make decisions at a more macro level and I know that's what the pilots are for, and I appreciate that, but there's a lot of providers out there that come knocking on the door for all of us all the time. Interested in coming to town and being recruited and things like that? I think it's a matter of, you know, understanding what works, what models work, but also understanding what our strategy is going to ultimately be. So, not only getting that utilization data but for wherever else we have it as well. A government center, for example, and you know, who's paying for that and how we're utilizing those factors, I think we need to put all that together and we need to benchmark it both internally across our city as well as with what other cities experiencing because getting to that point fairly quickly, I think is going to be necessary. Thanks.

Mr. Winston said I just wanted to give a quick comment in regard to, you know, all the infrastructure stuff, the busses, low and no emission, vehicle charging infrastructure, as well as the Councilmember Eggleston and the Mayor Pro Tem, and I was able to spend some time up in Washington last week and sat with our delegation, Senator Tillis, Senator Burr's staff is as well. I was able to meet with Congresswoman Adams and I think Ms. Eiselt and Mr. Eggleston were able to meet with Congressman Bishop. The meetings that I had, they were super supportive, very, very supportive of all of our efforts and our goals and strategies that we are putting out there. So, you know, I just to encourage staff, you know, to keep our foot on the proverbial gas or not gas, I guess, and just know that we have folks up in DC that are working on our behalf as well. So, this is an exciting thing. Let's just keep pushing.

Ms. Ajmera said thank you, Madam Mayor. Pro Tem. This is a great report. I know that our committee got a preview of this report last week. It was 2018 when we adopted this

unanimously and look at the progress that we have been able to make. I mean, this is tremendous. I'm really proud of the team for the work that you are all doing, not just in electric infrastructure, right. Transportation, buildings, energy generation, workforce development. You're checking off every single box that we had in our SEAP plan. So, it's not only great work, but we also must realize that in order for us to meet our 2050 goal, which is our community-wide goal, it's going to take the community at large. It's going to take other agencies, nonprofits, and the business sector, all of us working together to meet our larger goal for going carbon-free by 2050. But certainly, we are creating a model for others to follow, which is great. But I appreciate the work that's being done.

Mr. Driggs said thank you, Mayor Pro Tem. Great report. I was on the Environment Committee six years ago, seven for my first couple of years, and we had no idea that we would be doing anything like this by now. So, it's very impressive, and appreciate your work. One thing that I'm wondering is if we have these goals in this reference in here to this. Do we have a dashboard kind of thing that would allow us to kind of follow our steps as we approach the outcomes that we want? Yeah, just to get a kind of orientation as we go along about how we're actually getting closer to what we set out to do. Do you have something like that or can we do it?

Ms. Hazel said so, I think that's a great idea and we don't have a dynamic dashboard, but we have many spreadsheets and documents. So, I think that that's really something that would probably be beneficial also for the community and we could look at what it might take to do something like that.

Mr. Driggs said right. I think for us and again for the community and just to be able to say it, you know, we said we were going to do it and we are on a realistic path to get there would be a great ongoing way to report. The other thing is we're on the verge of adopting the UDO (Unified Development Ordinance), and so does the UDO, have all of the things in it that we need in order to stay on that path?

Ms. Hazel said so, all of the things in it, I don't know, but what I will say is that we worked hand in hand. The UDO team is great at aligning the Strategic Energy Action Plan, not only to you but to the Comprehensive Plan Charlotte Future 2040. Embedded in the video or a couple of really key things that we worked on. One is an electric vehicle charging ordinance. So, if we go back to our map and we look at the percentage of chargers that we based on the DOE data that that we own and operate, it would add to that if the private sector is advancing, charging faster through the electric vehicle charging ordinance component of the UDO. Then the other two pieces that I think are important are part of the TOD (Transit Oriented Development) bonus section. So, increased focus on energy efficiency and the environmental bonus aligns to the Strategic Energy Action Plan. Then the other piece is a fee-in-lieu proposal that would allow developers to pay into that fund that could then support energy efficiency in low-income households. So, starting to get at some of those strategies around how we look at the community and what some of the needs are there, because to Councilmember Ajmera's point, you know, it's a community-wide and, not just city as an organization.

Mr. Driggs said right, and the point of interface really between the community and us is the UDO, right? I mean, that's the place where a lot of the rules guide us towards the place that we want to go or at least the private sector towards where we want them to go would be. So, I'm sure you're doing this. Just point out that if there are any issues related to your work, we need to know about them, but thank you for your report.

**Councilmember Phipps** said thank you, Ms. Hazel. I was just wondering; do we have any blended metrics to see how we're doing? You know, I mean, other our adjacent counties, how assertive are they in developing SEAP goals or even Mecklenburg County? I mean, are we satisfied that I mean, because so much of the city is in the county, are we satisfied with that pace of progress? I mean, do they have their buildings, their fleets? I mean, because I guess these emissions are fungible. I mean, they really don't know any boundaries, so to speak. So, you know, to the extent that counties other counties around us, I mean, are you satisfied that they're doing, are they mirroring us in any way? Are they just looking at us and saying this is a lofty goal? I mean, you know.

Ms. Hazel said I think that we are leading the way as the largest city in North Carolina because of your goals and leadership. But I do believe that the county has a 2035 goal that is similar to our 2030 goal. They're measuring progress. I meet with my counterpart from the county every week and we share information and we collaborate to support each other's goals. And so, I think that you know, the market is also changing and that really helps. So, some of the projections are that by 2030, anywhere between 30 and 50 percent of cars that will be sold on lots are going to be electric. Right? So, like, I think that a combination of that and some jurisdictions putting forward their own goals like ours in and around the Charlotte area, I think is really hopeful and is promising.

**Councilmember Egleston** said but remember, [inaudible] got busses out in the community not counting the airport busses.

Ms. Hazel said yes, yes.

Mr. Egleston said so, two are out and I assume we've put those on shorter routes for now.

Ms. Hazel said so, I'd have to defer to [inaudible] for what routes are on right now, but I will say from where I sit, I see them. I feel like I see them every single day coming out of the Transit Center and some are still being used for training purposes. So, I know that one of the goals was to test them on corridors of opportunity, but then they were going to they're going to see every single route as part of the test to make sure that they can get the best possible data during this pilot that will enable some good plans for the future to do and to do this transition responsibly.

Mr. Egleston said I know, at some point and I know that technology is changing by the month, but and improving by the month, but I know at some point there had been discussion that we had range concerns on some of our longer routes in being able to use these. So again, I know that's improving daily the airport ones, we've said we've got five out right now towards our ultimate goal of 50. So, as we've put over a hundred thousand miles on those, so call it 20,000 miles per bus. Do you know or would and maybe this a question for Ms. Gentry, but do you know if we've seen comparable performance or reliability from those busses in terms of side by side with the busses that we're replacing?

Ms. Hazel said I would have to get back to you on those types of metrics, but I do know that the airport has seen cost savings related to what it takes to upkeep a bus and fuel a bus from there, five busses and they are said to have five more busses by the end of this fiscal year. So, I'm not sure how many of them they currently have in service, but soon ten busses.

Mr. Egleston said I think it's an impactful statistic. I mean it says here saved over \$52,000 in fuel costs, which is awesome. I think it would be beneficial for us to also be quantifying the amount of cost difference in terms of maintenance, upkeep, downtime, and things like that too and hopefully, we see additional savings there, but I think whether it's a savings, slightly additional cost or more or less a wash, I think that's another thing we need to measure so that we can demonstrate the overall benefit of the busses beyond just the benefit they provide with for air quality. My only question is right now, Thank you.

Mr. Winston said one thing to note, that the big promise of electric vehicles is the long term that they don't break or they break less and you got to pay less to repair those broken mechanical parts. So, some of those just won't get captured until a decade down the line and I will say I recently moved down by Arrowwood and South Tryon and they are running those electric bus testing routes up and down there. So, I see those and that's pretty far away from the transit center. So, let's just keep going. I did want to Mr. Driggs mentioned the UDO and it reminded me, well, I don't know if this would be directly related to the Strategic Energy Action Plan. I would like a follow-up. It's a question I asked back in November when we got our first draft of the UDO, are our policies right now mandate certain combustion engine infrastructure as it relates to the building of housing? You have to have certain aspects of your garage to be a certain way. I was wondering if there would be future considerations to include electric vehicle charging in in in residential building



codes as that will be necessary for our citizens to be able to participate in that market in the future. When will it become a ubiquitous kind of technology and or regulation? I like for us to think about that. And like I said, I'll put that answer to the staff back in November. I have not gotten a response.

Mr. Jones said I'll see where we are with that.

Mayor Lyles said okay. So, thank you, Sarah. I want to say that your entire team, in the way you've organized and built the collaboration to do the work within the organization, has been exceptional and I am really glad to have those recognitions made by outside agencies that are assessing our progress. So, thank you for the work we've gotten done today and Mr. Jones, I think we talked about having Alyson participate or present on the mapping during the manager's report because it is now 6:24. So, if we can get downstairs to the chamber in the next 8 minutes, maybe we could start about only about 10 minutes late. So, why don't we move downstairs to the dais and we'll start there.

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#### **ITEM NO. 4: CLOSED SESSION**

No closed session occurred.

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The meeting was recessed at 6:25 p.m. to move to the Meeting Chamber for the regularly scheduled Business Meeting.

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The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina reconvened for a Business Meeting on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 6:39 p.m. in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Lyles presiding. Council Members present were Dimple Ajmera, Tariq Bokhari, Ed Driggs, Larken Egleston, Julie Eiselt, Malcolm Graham, Renee Johnson, Matt Newton, Gregg Phipps, Victoria Watlington, and Braxton Winston, II.

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#### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Councilmember Johnson gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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#### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

#### **ITEM NO. 7: BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH**

**Councilmember Johnson** said thank you Mayor and thank you for the privilege and thank the Council for the privilege. This is the third year in a row that we are acknowledging and recognizing brain injury awareness month. I just really appreciate the opportunity to do this. Tonight, there will be buildings here in the city that will also be acknowledging and recognizing Brain Injury Awareness Month. So, if you see any of the buildings on the skyline that are lit in either green or blue, which are the two colors for brain injury awareness, that is an acknowledgment. So, thank you.

Councilmember Johnson read the following proclamation:

**WHEREAS**, more than 2.8 million Americans sustain a brain injury every year and over 5.3 million Americans live with a brain injury-related disability; and

**WHEREAS**, over 80,000 people in North Carolina will sustain a brain injury this year, and many survivors will be left permanently disabled; and

**WHEREAS**, Acquired Brain Injury includes traumatic brain injury sustained from blunt force trauma; and non-traumatic brain injury, from strokes, aneurysms, tumors, infections, and anoxic injury; and

**WHEREAS**, active duty and reserve military service members are at increased risk for sustaining brain injury compared to their civilian peers; and,

**WHEREAS**, research on abused women shows that 40 to 90% of victims of domestic violence suffer physical injuries to the head; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that up to 50% of homeless individuals and 25-87% of incarcerated adults report having experienced a physical injury to their head; and

**WHEREAS**, public awareness and understanding of the dangers, prevention, and treatment of these injuries and their effects on the family are critical to help aide individuals in recovery:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, WE, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, and George Dunlap, Chair of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as

**“BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH”**

in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and commend its observance to all citizens.

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**ITEM NO. 8: CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

Councilmember Eiselt read the following Proclamation:

**WHEREAS**, children are vital to our state’s future success, prosperity, and quality of life, as well as being our most vulnerable assets; and

**WHEREAS**, all children deserve to have safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities that foster their healthy growth and development; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is a public responsibility, affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

**WHEREAS**, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development, and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children, to ensure all children grow to their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, WE, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, and George Dunlap, Chair of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as

**“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”**

and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Ms. Eiselt said I believe that we have a speaker that will be speaking on the issue. Kelly Moriarty, but I believe Sean Pagano is here in person to accept the proclamation.

**Kelly Moriarty, 200 Hawthorne Lane** said Hi, everyone. I'm Kelly Moriarty. Thank you, Mayor Lyles and members of the City Council. I'm a registered nurse and injury prevention coordinator for Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center. My background is in pediatric emergency nursing as well as forensic nursing and over the years I've worked with many children, who have experienced abuse and neglect. In the hospital setting, often seeing them on their worst days of their lives. I hope that the work that I do now in injury prevention can help children and families in our community learn ways that allow them to grow and thrive. This is why I have joined our community partners in raising awareness with the Mecklenburg community on this important topic of child abuse prevention. I'm a very proud member of a team that focuses on prevention and ensures child abuse and neglect never occur in the first place. Science tells us that caring connections matter in developing healthy children and healthy communities. When our community works together to create care and connections with children and families, we can create the change necessary to develop a community of strong and resilient children. The Mecklenburg Child Abuse Prevention Team is a team that does just that. We are a collaboration of local organizations that serve children and build awareness in our community about prevention.

This team believes all children deserve great childhoods and that each of us plays a role in making sure our community is a place where children and families are able to grow and live in peace. Preventing child abuse neglect means helping parents have the knowledge, skills, resources, and support needed to provide safe and nurturing environments for all children. Each family is unique, but all parents and caregivers need support at times. Our community partners and all of our community members can help by ensuring children have positive experiences and families have the necessary resources to foster these positive experiences with our children. The Mecklenburg Child Abuse Prevention Team thanks you for taking the time to recognize and support this effort. April 1st is the start of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, and we hope that each of you will take the time to learn ways to help our community grow and thrive. Many of our organizations will be planting ten meals and offering education and resources throughout the month of April to raise awareness and encourage healthy communities that allow our children to have a happy childhood.

Starting next Monday, April, we will be planting a garden of pinwheels at the courthouse flower bed, as well as other locations, including Pats Place and Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center. Pinwheels are used as a nationwide symbol of happy, healthy childhoods, which every child deserves. Eastern meals are meant to create awareness to the critical issue of child abuse and get the community talking about the role we can be playing to keep kids safe. In April, because of our Mecklenburg County team effort. There will be Pinwheel Gardens across Mecklenburg County at schools, parks, hospitals, and businesses. Our team will also be sharing prevention strategies and tips through a month-long social media campaign on our website Meckforkids.org. We encourage you all to lead the way in spreading the message of prevention through our community. Thank you so much for your support.

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## **PUBLIC FORUM**

### **Eastland Mall**

**Luke Giduz, 7701 Dunoon Lane** said my name is Luke. It is a resident of Charlotte. The skateboarders of Charlotte need more facilities provided for skating. This could be either in the form of donated land for us to build our own skatepark on. In the case of Eastland DIY, it could be a series of small skate parks funded by the city located in various neighborhoods around the city or it could be a centrally located, high capacity, properly budgeted skate park somewhere in uptown. The skaters feel disenfranchised due to Charlotte's lack of suitable facilities, and recently the Eastland development taking away

a beloved location where skaters could go. With Eastland closed, there will only be one free public skate park in the entire city. We as skaters have not received in the way of communication or acknowledgment that our needs are being heard, but I offer this. Charlotte has lots of great cities and towns nearby to reference for how to solve this problem the right way. In Mooresville, the city listened to their state community's needs and allocated funding for a skate park big enough to accommodate everyone held a public design input meeting and included the skaters in it so they could have their say in the design of the park and then provided a temporary place to skate while the new skate park is being built.

Asheville is currently expanding their public skate park in downtown to accommodate higher crowds, all while allowing their DIY skate park in the River Arts District to flourish instead of developing over it. Raleigh, Lexington, Chapel Hill, Durham, Greensboro, Kannapolis, Morganton, Wilmington, Boone, Waynesville. All of these and many more cities and towns have provided skate parks to their communities and seen immense success. I have no doubt that Charlotte has the means to do so as well. It all starts with those who are in power being receptive to the conversation so we can end up solving this the right way and not end up with another underutilized park such as Grayson or Renaissance. So please work with us. We just want somewhere to skate. Thank you.

### **Charlotte International Cabinet**

**Johnelle Causwell, 12122 Saddle Pace Lane** said honorable Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and City Council Members. I am speaking to you today as a current member and former chair of the Charlotte International Cabinet regarding the need for an actionable international business strategy for the city of Charlotte. I join fellow cabinet members who have spoken and will speak to you in this public forum about this issue. There is an urgent need for Charlotte to have an international business strategy that addresses city engagement in international business recruitment, retention, and growth. This strategy should align with the Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan and respond to the current needs of more than 1,000 foreign and immigrant-owned businesses in the Charlotte region, employing over 81,000 residents, and contributing 3.3 billion in investment since 2017. The Charlotte community has 274,200 immigrant residents, including 19,752 immigrant entrepreneurs contributing \$2.7 billion in taxes with \$7.4 billion in spending power. In my work hosting business and government leaders from around the world through the U.S. Department of State, I promote the City of Charlotte as a leading city for international business and Trump mentorship and investment. As a member of the 85-city Global Times U.S. Network, I am always claiming with pride that Charlotte is number one as it is. We do not want Charlotte to be falling behind in cities like Denver, Houston, Atlanta, and San Francisco. They all have executed an active international business strategy. Charlotte currently does not. The Charlotte International Cabinet is also recommending that the city of Charlotte join other global cities and formalize its commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and incorporate SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) as a component within the recommended international business strategy.

My fellow cabinet member, Nalan Mulder, will be speaking soon to expand more on this. We urgently request that this matter be brought to the Economic Development Committee for an actionable implementation plan. 2 minutes. Yes. Thank you very much.

### **Racial Bias with CMPD**

**Gary Marion, 812 West Craighead Road** said I'm a 62-year-old disabled veteran. I suffer from PTSD (Post-traumatic stress disorder). It's a wound that will never heal. I moved here to live a peaceful, quiet life. November 14th, 1981, Marine Corps training Session and 29 Palms. We shot our own people. We had casualties. That's why I have PTSD. My unit was also in the Beirut bombing on my birthday, October 23rd, 1983. Forty Years later, on November 14th, 2020, on my very own property, I was assaulted by my neighbors. Sociopaths, alcoholics. Incredible. The most uncivilized people I ever met. The police showed up after I took a beating by the five people, who had serious injuries. The police officer, Henry Burr, never had any interest in writing a report. I spent more time talking to

the police officer than I did getting my you know what whooped. Now, I made 20 phone calls in 22 months and all the officers that showed up to my house were white. They did nothing for me. It took 22 months for a community service officer to show up at my house. After I sent an email in October of 2021. I sent a lot of emails to a lot of people. I did radio in Boston. I've always been an activist. I've done a lot of things on West Craighead Road in the surrounding area. I even helped change the policy in 2019. Thank you, Larkin. I requested a meeting with Chief Jennings. Racial bias has been a problem going back to Chief Kerr Putney. It's still a problem, this guy, he wrote that it was an affray. I got my butt whipped on my property, and he called it an affray. An affray is an instance of fighting in a public place that disturbs the peace. That's what happens at a club at 2:30 in the morning. This is my own property.

**Mayor Lyles** said thank you, Mr. Marion. I understand that Chief Jennings is aware and is working through this issue with you.

Mr. Marion said I'll be waiting.

### **Illegal Building of a Fire Station**

**David Hannes, 13441 Woody Point Drive** said my name is David Hannes. I'm speaking about an illegal fire station that's about to be built on my street. Basically, how would anybody like to wake up one morning and find a fire station built in your backyard? That's about what's to happen with the residents of Woody Point Road. Woody Point Roads are a quiet residential street in southwestern Mecklenburg County that is, you know, classified by the city of Charlotte as a local residential street. In 2001, the city of Charlotte took over control of Woody Point Road, and shortly after they took over control of Woody Point Road, they changed the classification of the street from a local residential street to a minor collector street. This change and classification was done illegally and because of this change of classification, it now allows the volunteer fire department to be built on our street. The City Council is in the process of ratifying shortly a unified development ordinance and a new policy map. On that new policy map, what do you think the road will be returned to?

A local residential street of the city has recognized their mistake, but between the time that this new policy map is ratified and today that fire station will be built. And again, it's going to be built on a local residential street, a dead-end street, a totally inappropriate location for a fire station and this needs to be dealt with by the city council immediately. I would like to ask for a follow-up from a member of the council to discuss this further because it really is a miscarriage of justice.

Mayor Lyles said thank you very much, Mr. Hands. We've gotten a number of your emails, and I would ask the manager to follow up again with you.

### **Building Permits Affecting Homeowners**

**Toni Emehel, 14031 Laurel Trace Drive** said good evening. This is Tony and the Hill, and I'm really going to direct my conversation to you, Mayor Lyles, because what happens next in this situation will be largely up to you with the support of your Council Members and hopefully the City Attorney is also reviewing this information. I've placed before you had placed before you a folder that has some information in it with regard to criminal liability for false representation and obtaining building permits under false pretenses. Any number of us in this room who are homeowners deal with HOAs (Homeowner Association), and HOA issues. While this matter includes an HOA issue, it includes the matter of the law being broken against the city of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, and the homeowners in the Southwest community. It involves unlicensed contractors signing their names to applications to get building permits without a license and illegally using general contractor numbers to acquire those licenses or that permits. Now, we've been directed to contact the state. This state has been contacted and you can see that the state has verified that no general license contracts or licensing has been acquired by the individual who received the building permit, and we know the limitations of what they can do. So, I am here to implore all of you to get engaged in this conversation and to do something about the law that has been broken because the city of Charlotte is a victim, as am I, and

the 534 homeowners that live in that community because our moneys have been taken, the project was botched. And I encourage you to ask me questions to dive more into this issue.

Mayor Lyles said thank you very much. We will follow up again on this idea of licensing in the building permit permits that are taking place and get some information about that.

**Diane Krebs, 12437 Lazy Oak Lane** said good evening. My name is Diane Krebs, and I've lived in Southwest Charlotte District Three for 26 years in the Crossing community. I come here this evening to talk to you about a robbery I've experienced. My own neighbors have robbed me. I've tried to get other neighbors to help me, but they're complacent, too busy, or don't want to get involved. I've attempted city mediation on two occasions, both times to be dismissed as a civil matter that they cannot engage but wish me luck. So, why was I shut down? It's because the minute the words homeowner association is mentioned, the doors shut. So how did I get robbed? One of my neighbors took the hand of a predatory property management company and deliver them to my community. This opened the door for the complicit behavior of other likeminded residents that joined in the fraud and deceit for self-benefit. The property manager immediately identified our excess reserve funds and in less than a year, more than \$160,000 disappeared from our association funds. Sounds like a movie plot, but the reality here in Charlotte. The scheme to defraud is not unique to my community and the crime will not stop unless existing laws are enforced and new ones created. I've enclosed in my folder a case law that mirrors exactly what's happening in the crossings. It's the United States versus Leon Benzer. I'm here today to implore you to help in accordance with the bylaws of my community. The board members are elected to provide for administration maintenance, preservation, and architectural control. Instead, people's rights have been violated, laws have been broken, and Fraud, theft, and collusion has occurred. Taxes have been evaded. If it doesn't sound of a concern to you, some statistics that the number of homeowners associations is France.

Mayor Lyles said Ms. Krebs, thank you. If you can leave the remainder or send us by email, your remarks, and your examples, that would be very helpful as we look into this.

Ms. Krebs said thank you.

### **International Business Strategy & United Nations Sustainable Development**

**Nalan Karakaya Mulder, 9531 Ardrey Woods Drive** said honorable Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem and the City Council members. I proudly serve on the Charlotte International Cabinet representing the international and cultural diversity we have in Charlotte. Charlotte continues to gain national and international attention for its attempts to become a truly global city. As an advisory board responsible for promoting Charlotte as an international city, we commend the city on its commitment. Global cities focus on attracting and retaining foreign talent and investment and Charlotte is making great progress in both areas. I believe we can do more. In addition to the recommendation to develop an international business strategy, I'm here tonight to share another recommendation we as CIC have been working on to further Charlotte as an equitable city. In 2015, all the United Nations Member States adopted 17 global goals officially known as the Sustainable Development Goals, or SDGs, for example, quality education, decent work and economic industry, innovation, and infrastructure. These goals have the power to create a better world and build a better future for everyone. The city of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County are already doing significant work which aligns with these goals. The Charlotte International Cabinet is recommending that Charlotte formalize its commitment to UN Sustainable Development goals and incorporate The SDGs as a component within the recommended international business strategy for the city.

The City of Charlotte should localize its support for these goals by signing on as a partner for the UN SDGs, along with many other municipalities around the country and the world. In addition to signing on to support SDGs, the City of Charlotte should highlight UN SDG alignment to its mission responsibilities and long-term plans, as well as conduct periodic voluntary local reviews as done by L.A., Orlando, Pittsburgh, and New York City. We

respectfully request this matter be brought to the Economic Development Committee for Actionable Implementation Plan. Thank you.

### **CATS Safety Concerns**

**Sonia Watts, 3160 Timberbrook Drive** said good evening. I am Sonia Watts, and I am here today to say that we appreciate the City Manager Mr. Marcus Jones, and his team for working with our leaders to come to a positive conclusion. As a city employee. I am proud to be a part of the progress for myself and my fellow union members. By the grace of God, today is a new day for us. Thank you.

### **City Workers**

**Craig Brown, 7532 Double Springs Court** said good evening, Madam Mayor, City Manager, and esteemed Council Members. I come before you today. Thank you, Marcus. What are you doing? Means a whole lot to the city employees. You didn't turn a deaf ear toward us, but like I always tell you, the work is just beginning. With that being said, what I have to bring today, we live in a precarious time. The world is in shambles and in an uproar, but right here in Charlotte, we stood h[inaudible] and endured a pandemic. I had it twice and been quarantined three times. When I had come to work and was able, I was there. These workers are worth the wait and go. They deserve everything that y'all can give them because they stood and persevered for you. We are service. You're all full service wise, counsel because y'all have to pave the way for the future. With that being said, the future's a mystery. Pass is a memory, but the present is a gift. So, we got to live together in gift fairly across the board. Thank you.

Mayor Lyles said Mr. Brown, thank you very much.

### **Solid Waste Concerns**

**Rory Pegram, 5001 Endolwood Road** said good evening, counsel. My name's Rory Pegram. I work for the City of Charlotte, Solid waste, and I work for CBD. I'm one of the guys that take care of it. Uptown. Uptown looks good. We work hard. We work hard up there to make sure that uptown looks good, but when come payday I go home miserable cause I'm making 1,800 dollars a month. I live in a hotel now and that's \$1,300. That leaves me with \$500. I got a card note. I got insurance, I got other miscellaneous. I can't even afford it and I'm and I work hard. I got bad knees and all and come to work every day to serve. But Then I can't get sure all I get is more work, more routs, but I can't get nothing. I'm tired of just surviving. I want to live. All y'all up here living good and some of you are living well. I'm struggling and I go to work every day. I'm involved in the community. I do community work. I got to catch a bus now because I got to save my gas because I don't have enough money come the weekend. I don't have enough money to do nothing. There's points now I go into the life where the homeless people get something to eat, to take back to my hotel and some of the people say, you know, don't you work for the city? Yeah, but they don't know what I make. And I go home sometimes and I'm upset. It's mentally, physically draining to me. Then I got to put myself up to go to work Monday through Friday, not knowing how I'm going to make it. It's crazy, but I get a lot of compliments uptown about how good it looks. People coming from out of town, the city looks great. I get compliments, but I go home sad because I can't afford to live in Charlotte. I can't afford a hotel. The apartments, the ones I can't afford waiting list is too long. And then the ones that I can't get, they check my credit. My credit. Well, thank God I got a second job at night that helps pay the rest of my bills. Sometimes I don't know what I'm gonna eat. When I'm working up town, I help the homeless. I give them money; I give them love. I just ask you, God, to take into consideration what we going to cause we work hard to take care of the city. All we ask is for you to look out for us. Thank you.

Mayor Lyles said thank you, Mr. Pegram.

### **Charlotte Waste**

**Derrick Davis, 9303 Dewey Drive** said I guess I'd like to ask the City Council to allow the UE150 city workers to be present during the new hire orientation. So, when you hire a city worker, we will light an opportunity to speak to them at orientation. I believe it helps with employee retention because a new hire, impresses new hires to know that they have a union in place with their interests in mind. It's common knowledge that union pay and jobs are better than nonunion paying jobs and that will also go further with impressing a new employee. The Bureau of Labor had multiple studies proving that fact. Part of orientation is, where you learn about benefits and I don't know a benefit that's better than being in a union. I think that it would be a good rapport between the city workers and the city leaders if we would recognize UE150 as a union because EU150 is not going anywhere. So, I also believe it would help with the grievance process if there's any grievance with any city work, it would help the city and help the city worker. It also helps the city worker understand the grievance process. I would like the City Council to view the union m and the city worker as an investment into the city, as an investment to the infrastructure of the city you are invested into competent workers. You save money by having competent workers.

### **Unfair Treatment in the Workplace**

**Shaequonita Gaddy, 6912 Delta Lake Drive** said good evening. I am Shaequonita Gaddy. I have been with Solid Waste Services for almost four years. I am a senior NCO senior operator. We stand in solidarity for change. We are dealing with harassment in the workplace. We are being [inaudible] and act upon. We are spoken to inappropriately. We are not judged based on character. We are sexually, verbally, physically, mentally, and emotionally abused. We are bullied. We are disrespected based on our gender, sex, identity, change, and workplace. Information provided, being misled to other managers. We are treated unfairly, not given positions that we've earned, even with the degrees or the skills for the position. Promotions are often given to buddies or friends. Managers don't post jobs if they are done in secret most time. Management posts jobs they don't want. They give it to the hourly employees. We are underpaid, we're overworked. We deal with management. Some who put solid waste employees in a hostile environment are as follows. Managers have told employees how tight their butt looks in a pair of pants. It has been said, I can see your private area in the front of your uniform pants, grabbing someone's butt, telling a female coworker how he can turn her back into a female.

**Mayor Lyles** said thank you, Ms. Gaddy. I want you to understand that this council and this organization does not tolerate harassment of employees, and we will certainly follow with you the information that you're providing to us.

### **Solid Waste Attendance Sick Leave during Pandemic**

**Antoquie Forney, 3711 Seaman Drive** said how are you guys doing. I'm an employee of Solid Waste, and today is the day where we need change in the city. No favoritism. As my fellow employee just spoke, where supervisors get mad and send you to another duty over and over and over because they don't like you, but that's not your duty. Most importantly, the job raises, 10 percent. We need it in this city, 75 percent of city employees cannot afford to live in the city that they live in, that they raise their children in. How do you guys feel about that? Seventy-five percent, but yet, when is said and done after the parades, we're cleaning up CBD. District. You can't even tell this city with dirty. Solid Waste don't sleep. We got to overnight. There's cleaning. When we wake up, they're going back to sleep. Twenty-four hours. We're running. We need their respect; we need our wages. We need higher pay to support our family. We lost a coworker in the line of duty that we do. It's dangerous out there. You guys have seen it. Marcus Jones, you have visited us and have seen the hard work that we put in. Snow, rain, 30 degrees, 90 degrees, hundred degrees. Solid Waste is out there cleaning the city. Two hundred thousand homes every week, every week served. And yet we still are struggling. I say and I ended like this. Let's not go back to 1963 in Memphis Tennessee. Let's move forward, on July 1st. Whenever you are engaged in work that serves humanity and is for the building enough community serves the community, it has dignity and worth. We are asking that you give us what we're worth.



## **The City's Sustainability Resolution and SEAP Plan**

**Jerome Wagner, 110 Summerlake Drive, South West, Concord, NC** said good evening and thank you for this opportunity to speak to you. My name is Jerome Wagner. I'm the lead organizer for 350 Charlotte, which is an all-volunteer justice-focused group. I'm also a member of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Climate Leaders, a network of environmental faith, climate justice, education, and business representatives that grew out of the passage of the Strategic Energy Action Plan. Last year, the climate leaders formed a SEAP Accountability Committee to promote the attainment of the City of Charlotte's sustainability and resiliency goals. Our intention is to both support the city's efforts and challenge the city to do even more. So far, though, we don't have enough information in hand to declare that this city is on a secure for success to first of all, have zero emission buildings and fleet operations in 2030 and to reduce emissions to less than two tons of CO2 equivalent per year per person citywide By 2050. We hope to receive more substantial information from the sustainability office in the near future to inform our assessments and advocacy. Some of the information we would like to get includes what is the city's plan for wide-ranging and deep energy efficiency retrofits in older housing stock and also what is the city's overall vehicle inventory and the budget to reach SEAP's carbon-free municipal fleet goal by 2030. I'd like to make a couple of comments on behalf half of Angela Gray who was going to speak next after me, she noted, we can and must ensure that locally grown foods are available and affordable to everyone and that the equipment for transports and storage does no harm to the environment. Lastly, I'll just comment that as an engineer, I know the types of resources that must be dedicated to this type of effort like the SEAP and I advocate more funding for the sustainability and resiliency office. Thank you very much. Goodnight.

Mayor Lyles said thank you, Mr. Wagner. That concludes our forum with 15 speakers. We really appreciate hearing from everyone, and you will get some follow-up information based upon your request in your comments and in the near distant future. So now we have concluded our public forum. We will now go to the business meeting and the next the first item, the agenda is a public hearing and decision on the McDonald's cafeteria and many center historic landmark designations. We're going to open with a public hearing to consider this historic landmark designation and then go to the next item, which is to adopt an ordinance.

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### **ZONING**

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### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **ITEM NO. 9: PUBLIC HEARING AND DECISION ON THE MCDONALD'S CAFETERIA AND MINI-CENTER HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION**

**Mayor Lyles** declared the hearing open.

**Councilmember Graham** said thank you, Madam Mayor. It goes without saying that the decision on the McDonald's Cafeteria and the mini-Centers for Historic Landmark designation to what we're trying to do on the Beatties Ford Road corridor, which is to make sure that individuals there are part of the change and that victims of it, but more importantly to protect the heritage, the history and the tradition of the corridor. I know that site very well. I had the opportunity to know Mr. McDonald's and eat at the restaurant and certainly with Christopher Dennis has done to preserve that building for adaptive reuse as it is today for the Chase Bank and the other retail spots there is spot on. I think Mr. McDonald's would be very, very pleased in terms of the efforts at Christmas made. I know the community is really, really appreciative in terms of the development that is there, but more importantly, as a community, we take pride and privilege through protecting heritage and tradition. This public hearing, this decision that the Council will make in the near future is a step in the right direction to ensure that occurs. Thank you, Madam Mayor.

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Egleston, and carried unanimously to (A) close the public hearing, and (B) Adopt an ordinance with an effective date of March 28, 2022, designating the property known as the "McDonald's Cafeteria and Mini-Center" (Parcel Identification Number 069-126-25) as a historic landmark.

**Councilmember Phipps** said I have every intention of supporting this particular designation, but I do have a process question I'm curious about. I know in the past, I'm not familiar that we had a public hearing and a vote on the same night as these designations. Have we changed something? Is this a fast-track process or something or what?

**Patrick Baker, City Attorney** said I feel like this has been done before, and I don't know of any law that prevents you from doing this, having the hearing and voting tonight, but I feel like this has happened before and I'm used to having this happen at the same time.

**Councilmember Driggs** said we have done this.

Mr. Phipps said I don't recall all the public and historic designations that I've seen. [inaudible].

**Councilmember Egleston** said I think we usually set the date for a public hearing so we would have done that prior to this.

Mr. Driggs said without opposition.

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Egleston, and carried unanimously to (A) Conduct a public hearing to consider historic landmark designation for the property known as the "McDonald's Cafeteria and Mini-Center" (Parcel Identification Number 069-126-25), and (B) Adopt an ordinance with an effective date of March 28, 2022, designating the property known as the "McDonald's Cafeteria and Mini-Center" (Parcel Identification Number 069-126-25) as a historic landmark.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 64, at Pages (s) 643-647.

Mayor Lyle said thank you so much for doing this special recognition for the McDonald's cafeteria. I think it is very important to the opportunity corridor of Beatties Ford. So, thank you, everyone, for your support.

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## **ITEM NO. 10: PUBLIC HEARING AND DECISION ON THE CHARLOTTE QUARTERMASTER DEPOT AND AREA MISSILE PLANT HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION**

**Mayor Lyles** declared the hearing open and said we have no speakers signed up. I believe that Damon Hemmerdinger is willing to answer questions that there are specific questions by the council, but no one else signed up for the public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to (A) Conduct a public hearing to consider historic landmark designation for the property known as the "Charlotte Quartermaster Depot and Area Missile Plant" (Parcel Identification Numbers 079-031-02, 079-031-05, 079-031-07, 079-031-08, 079-031-10, and 079-031-11), and (B) Adopt an ordinance with an effective date of March 28, 2022, designating the property known as the "Charlotte Quartermaster Depot and Area Missile Plant" (Parcel Identification Numbers 079-031-02, 079-031-05, 079-031-07, 079-031-08, 079-031-10, and 079-031-11) as a historic landmark.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 64, at Pages (s) 648-653.

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#### **ITEM NO. 11: PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION TO CLOSE RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN 3427 AND 3439 OAKWOOD AVENUE**

**Mayor Lyles** declared the hearing open.

Motion was made by Councilmember Winston, seconded by Councilmember Johnson and carried unanimously to adopt an ordinance amending the City Code by adding language specific to criminal enforcement.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page(s) 519-521.

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#### **POLICY**

#### **ITEM NO. 13: CITY CODE UPDATE**

**Mayor Lyles** said earlier today, we had an opportunity to talk with the City Attorney and I'd like to recognize the City Attorney for a recommendation on the site.

**Patrick Baker, City Attorney** said thank you, Madam Mayor and members of the council. Based on conversations that I've had with several of you since the last presentation that we had on this item, I would like for you to consider the following amendment to the motion. I would like for you to consider accepting the motion that's printed, but accepting taking out that is, certain ordinance recommendations that we have made and deferring those particular ordinances to your next council meeting, which is your Strategy Session on the 4th of April. The specific ordinances that I request that you exempt from tonight's motion include Chapter 4 Aviation, Sections 4-32 and 4-110, Chapter 6, Businesses and Trades Section 627-D Dance Halls, Chapter 10 Health and Sanitation, Section 10 100 Public Health Nuisances, Chapter 14 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 14 235, Playing or Loitering around about Railroad Property, and Chapter 15 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions Sections 1526 Camping, 15 157 Youth Protection Penalties and 15 251 Carnivals Violations.

Some questions have been raised on those specific ordinances and will have some written materials for you all in the next couple of days in advance of your next council meeting, where I would recommend if the council was so inclined to take up the passage of those ordinance amendments at that time.

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera and carried unanimously to (A) Conduct a public hearing to close unopened right-of-way between 3427 and 3439 Oakwood Avenue, and (B) Adopt a resolution and close unopened right-of-way between 3427 and 3439 Oakwood Avenue.

Mayor Lyles said earlier today when we had this discussion, it was really around the idea that council members, I think Mr. Winston and I don't know if others have, sent in a request that we do have this information around those that have been selected by the City Attorney or designated to come out so that we can have a conversation about what that means and why it's being recommended and if there are any changes that the Council would like to have. So, I believe this helps us with a better process and better information before going forward. So, with that, I will have a roll call on the motion that was made.

**Councilmember Johnson** said thank You, Madam Mayor. When I spoke to the City Attorney earlier about this, I ask you, if would there be a slide to make it more simple and transparent for the public. With your reading the information? I had asked about a summarized slide so that individuals could see that we are pulling certain items out and the information is not so ambiguous. Is there a slide so that there's a visual aid for the public?

Mr. Baker said so we had a slide that had all of the ordinances on there, but this sort of happened this afternoon during a general review of the particular plan. So, we haven't had the chance to change, but we will produce one and make it available for the public so that they know which ordinances were passed tonight and which ordinance amendments have been deferred for a week.

Ms. Johnson said Okay, thank you. One of the things we heard from the public was criminalizing camping on public streets. So, that's what we want to make sure that the public knows that that's one of the ordinances that was pulled out.

Mr. Baker said for the purpose of this discussion.

Ms. Johnson said the purpose was never to criminalize homelessness. So, thank you.

**Councilmember Graham** said for further discussion, Right?

Ms. Johnson said for further discussion. We're not voting on that tonight.  
Mayor Lyle said right.

**Councilmember Winston** said you know, in a constitutional democracy, one of the most sacred responsibilities of a government is to decide when to limit the inalienable rights of people. Of course, we are a municipal government. So, we have the federal and state laws that generally take care of that, and then, of course, we have to provide ordinances for wherever holes are left out. The City Attorney has made recommendations on 14 places. Well, first, the General Assembly and their wisdom, has said, hey, we need to take a look at this. It shouldn't be the kind of status quo that you automatically have to criminalize and take people's rights away. Because, of course, when you criminalize something, that means you're able to arrest, you're able to prevent their free movement within society and again, that is a sacred duty. The City Attorney whittle down literally every line, every line in our municipal code, and has come back with 14 recommendations of places where he suggested that we have a criminal penalty, that we had to reconsider. With this motion tonight, we will reinstate eight of those 14 areas where we have municipal criminal penalties. Now, I'm very comfortable with those eight places because we have had robust community conversations about many of these places. We have had stakeholders at the table. We have had legal opinions given about these issues. We've had staff response and we've had the ability to talk about these things as colleagues you know, you will remember that we have spoken about animals.

Our noise ordinance, for example, and dealing with gun violence. Those are examples of things that we will kind of put those criminal penalties on, but the eight items that we are pulling for future consideration and to get more information. We just have not had that level of input and or information. So, this gives us the opportunity as a council to get more that feedback from staff and decide the best route forward again in taking on the sacred responsibility of us government. So, thank you to Attorney Baker, Madam Mayor Pro Tem, and Madam Mayor Lyles for helping us figure out, how to go about doing this in a very intentional way. So, with that said, I'm ready to vote.

**Councilmember Bokhari** said I'm going to go along with this. We talked about it today. The only thing I ask is that we don't table this for long. This is not something that, I disagree with the with the phrasing of criminalizing homelessness. We are giving law enforcement officers tools should the city decide to use them, which they haven't in the past, in multiple instances to be able to deal with situations as they arise. It's not like we have some blunt tool out there to do it, so we're taking away a tool in something that is criminalizing breaking the law, right? So, we have we will have laws on the books that, will have no enforcement ability while this is not there. So, like I said, we discussed today, I'm all on board with having a robust dialog, but this does not mean that we just punt on this and now all of a sudden, we've got laws on the books that are not enforceable and that are meaningful laws for a purpose. If you're nodding, as long as we're in agreement, I'll support it.

**Councilmember Driggs** said one week.

Mayor Lyles said I believe that what we've asked the City Attorney to do is to have this information outlining the foundation for the recommendation at our next Strategy session, which is the first reading in April. So, we will look for that document to come back.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 64, at Pages (s) 654-666.

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#### **ITEM NO. 14: AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S PLANS FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to approve proposed amendments to the City's Fiscal Year 2020 Housing and Urban Development Consolidated Plan and the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Action Plan.

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#### **BUSINESS**

#### **ITEM NO. 12: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

There was no City Manager's Report.

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#### **ITEM NO. 15: ADOPT THE CHARLOTTE FUTURE 2040 POLICY MAP**

**Marcus Jones, City Manager** said so, I will ask Alyson Craig to come up and she will get us started with the backdrop of, the next vote that you're about to take.

**Alyson Craig, Deputy Director Planning, Zoning & Development Department** said thank you, Mr. Manager, Mayor, and members of the Council. The policy map is an important companion to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. It provides citywide direction for place-based policies. Upon adoption of the policy map, it will guide future land use decisions, rezonings, and capital investment. It will not change existing entitlements and existing zoning. Adoption of the map is an important step in the planning process and afterward, we will move into area planning where we will provide parcel level review of the different place types. We will examine community goals and look at community investment needs in the different area plans, all alongside the community members. After the map is adopted, we're going through community area planning. There will be a way in which the City Council, city staff, and the community can amend the map through their own application as well as through the rezoning process. I'm often asked how the UDO fits in with this. So, the UDO is scheduled for adoption in July. Upon the effective date, which we're thinking is six months, maybe even longer than that, after the UDO is

adopted, the zoning districts that are not conditional in nature will translate to the new UDO districts that are contained in the draft UDO and table 3.1.

After that, any rezoning decision will continue to look at the policy map for guidance in making decisions about rezoning. Just like do today like we will do once the map the policy map is adopted. We'll just be using the new UDO of zoning districts. So, we'll have a couple of years of area planning where we will go into the community and really talk about that parcel overview of the different place types, and at that point, we will in the community area planning process is complete, we will begin an alignment rezoning process similar to what we did with TOD a couple of years ago to align the policy map with the UDO zoning districts. And those policy map place types will now have been updated through the community area planning process alongside community engagement.

So, we will be developing sort of cheat sheets and flow charts to be able to help you talk with your constituents on how the process works upon map adoption. I want to say in conclusion that it's important to adopt this map tonight. This allows planning to continue and allows us to move forward with the area planning process. We will begin launching the Community Area Planning Academy, as well as begin developing tool kits for communities to get an advance start on the area planning process. And with that, I'm happy to answer any questions. I also have Alysia Osborne here, who is the project manager for the Comprehensive Plan, and also have Dave Pettine here, who leads the rezoning process to answer any rezoning questions that you may have.

Motion was made by Councilmember Winston, seconded by Councilmember Eiselt to adopt the final recommended draft of the Charlotte Future 2040 Policy Map.

**Councilmember Watlington** said firstly, I wanted to say thank you to the staff and to District 3 community leaders because I know that you all have been very engaged with the different groups Northwest Community Alliance, the Community Benefits Coalition, Steel Creek Residence Association, and more. They've reviewed many times I've seen a lot of back and forth. I had the pleasure of being involved in several of the community meetings. Special thank you to our Planning Commissioner for District 3, R.J. Harvey, who has been extremely engaged with the group as well. While we have been made abreast of all of the comments for each district and understand that some fall within the policy map, some fall within the UDO, and some questions will be answered in the later process, in the more specific process. It is the feeling of many other residents who have been engaged to this point in District 3 that they would much prefer to continue the process without officially adopting the map. So as to avoid any administrative hoops they may have to jump through with learnings for the area map. So, with that, I will be voting in opposition to this particular motion, but I do look forward to continuing the work.

**Councilmember Ajmera** said a couple of comments on this policy map. We have heard loud and clear from our community benefits coalitions, our development community, and our neighborhood community that this map is not perfect, but I appreciate the work that's been done by our planning staff and our council members to be intentional about the outreach. I understand there will be continued work in progress after the map is adopted. So, I do want to recognize certain community members who have consistently reached out to my colleagues and I. Ricky Hall, Janet, Jimmy Vasiliou, Dr. Sylvia Payton, and others who have been reaching out to the community to ensure that there is equity in engagement from all parts of our city and intentionally, from District 2, 3, 4 and 5. So, I think from what I understand from the staff, from Alysia and Alyson, that those conversations will continue, as we develop their area plan so that those voices will continue to be heard. So, taking all of that into consideration, I would be supporting it, but I just want to go on record saying that this map is not perfect and additional conversations continue as we develop this community area plan for all the voices to be heard. Thank you.

**Councilmember Winston** said thank you to the community. Thank you to the staff and thank you for the council for continuing our push in figuring out how to deal with growth. I

think an important point to me, the most important point to remember is that we are creating a planning approach, a planning process that has many different components of that planning process, putting them together and making them work together. So, if you think of it from an iterative phase when we adopt this map, you know if you start with the ten goals of the Comprehensive 2040 Plan that we adopted, then you start to really dig in and understand place types and how we have different growth strategies. Then you will understand how those growth strategies, we're putting on the map right now so that we can achieve those ten goals with a Comprehensive 2040 Plan. Then as we adopt UDO, we will be able to go into the zoning process and really understand how to get those small area plans. So, we really wrap our heads again around the ten goals, the place types, and growth strategies that will really, I think, get us to grasp what we're doing tonight and really help us as a community better understand how we can each individually and as groups plug into the existing parts of the planning approach and the future of the planning approach. Thank you very much.

**Councilmember Driggs** said thank you, Madam Mayor. Pro Tem. I agree that the map is not perfect, but in my mind, it's good. I think where 80 percent or 90 percent of the way there and I don't believe that we can progress further in the abstract. I think we need to adopt this thing and we need to have a robust process for continuing to work on it and refine it as issues come to light and that we have practical situations to which we can respond. We can't do this all in the abstract, so I'm going to be in favor of adopting it. I did want to acknowledge the input that we've received from the developer community in making this a workable plan and plan that will achieve the goals that we have for it. A lot of work has gone into this. The UDO is not fully baked yet. There are issues that we're still discussing that I think we will work out, but I feel good at this point that we're on a path that will lead us over time. It's going to take a couple of years to fully implement a new organization of how we do things that we badly needed. I do want to acknowledge also what a huge undertaking this is, has been and how much work has gone into it so far. So, congratulations to you guys. It's great work and look forward to supporting this tonight and continuing our work on the map and the UDO. Thank you, Alyson.

**Councilmember Eiselt** said I won't belabor the points that some of my colleagues, who are supporting the maps, have said, but I will also be supporting the map because it just sort of give an illustration because I know it's complicated work. Again, I would just like to remind everybody we are really catching up on what we haven't been doing for the past 45 years, which is planning the city. I hope

Ms. Craig said we'll never fall behind. I won't know it I guess if we wait another 45 years, but I think, you know, just to illustrate what this really means at this point if you were going to build a house and you got blueprints for your house, you conceptually had an idea of what you wanted and it's drawn into the blueprints, but you're going to change things, right? Not until you see it on paper is it going to really resonate with what that looks like and then you go back and make those corrections. So, this map is a really important starting point for the future. And then to get into it more deeply as we work the 15 different area plans and get the parcels right. So, you know, Ms. Craig, you and your team have worked really hard on this. You acknowledge there will change, and I just want the public to know that we know that and we are planning for that, but we've got to move forward with this as our basis. So, thank you.

**Councilmember Johnson** said and I had a question for Alyson. If this is adopted tonight, when would the math be effective?

Ms. Craig said July one.

Ms. Johnson said so, the place times would be effective July one?

Ms. Craig said that's correct.

Ms. Johnson said so many members of the council have acknowledged that there's room for improvement and it's not perfect. So, between July one, when with the next phase be effective or when would any improvements be effective?

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Ms. Craig said

Ms. Johnson said so, anyone at that point can go through and request a map amendment and so, City Council, staff, or the community can request the map amendment. And so, then that would update the map. A rezoning decision would also ultimately have to update the map and then through time, the community area planning process would then update the map as you go into that detailed review with the community. so, in the community area plans can take up to four years or so?

Ms. Craig, we're thinking two years. We're still working out the details of that. Those are generally done as an interdepartmental effort, bringing staff from different departments in to do that together. And so, Alysia and her team are working through the details of that, but we're estimating about two years.

Ms. Johnson said okay and what percentage of the population has given feedback on the mapping?

Ms. Craig said that's a good question. I may have to defer that to Alysia.

**Alysia Osborne Plan Project Manager** said I'm not sure I can answer what percentage of the population provided comments, but in your briefing book, we provided the number of comments that were received entirely on the process. Initially, we started the process with a survey that went out to every resident asking them to be a part of the process and receiving their feedback on a survey. For that, we received about 4700 responses to that particular postcard that went out to well over 300,000 property owners. So, that was the response rate for that. In terms of the iterations of the map, we had about four drafts of the map, three working drafts, and then the map that you're approving tonight, and in total, we had about 6700 comments that we of in over 20 different engagement methods. And so, it's a little bit hard to say the percentage of the population from the total comment because they were in-person meetings or online comments based on the map. So, that could have been one person or groups of people. It just depends, but we can track definitely the number of comments we receive.

Ms. Johnson said and so, I also want to acknowledge the hard work of Alyson and Taiwo and Alysia and the entire team. It's not about the work or the quality of work. For me, it's really about the public response and I know that there's been lots of engagement, but what we're hearing from multiple constituents is that they're asking for more time because of the lack of response. This sounds like less than, I don't know the math to 2 percent of the public has actually commented. And then of the comments, how many of those comments are being implemented? So, I just think that while the staff has done a great job, we represent the public and I don't know that we received enough public response and I know that the message has gone out, but at some point, if the receivers are not responding, perhaps the message might be simpler or might be different. So, I won't be supporting the mapping process tonight, especially if it's going to be effective now and the residents will be held to that, the standard until something changes which, you know, could be two to four years.

Ms. Craig said no, no well, possibly.

Ms. Johnson said I mean, there's a couple of ways to change it, but one of the ways to change it would also be in the community plans could be two to four years. So, we've heard from large constituents that are asking us, okay, let's clarify, when will it be changed?

Ms. Osborne said so, what Alyson mentioned is that the map would be affected in July. That gives us a little bit of time to work on some internal processes and how we communicate, what the map means, and how people can use it. There will also be a policy map amendment process that becomes effective July one that will allow the staff, and residents in the community to propose a change to the map as well as through the community area planning process and through the rezoning process. So, there's three ways that the map can be amended once it becomes effective. And not to say that there



will be some in-depth analysis that goes along with those considering a change to the map because we have to remember, we just spent the last three to four years creating the comprehensive plan where many residents participated in establishing the goals that this map is based on. So, it's not a map that started from scratch. It builds upon the engagement and the principles and goals that were in the comprehensive plan. Many of our residents participated in that. And as you guys know more than anybody else, there was very much some robust discussion around that plan and so, the community is aware of the goals and the principles of the plan. This puts it into action, as well as the unified development ordinance. And without doing that, we can't move forward with the community or planning or the Unified Development Ordinance.

Ms. Johnson said okay, thank you.

Mayor Lyles said I think that Ms. Johnson raises something that kind of reminds me that 45 years have gone by and some of the places that we have under current zoning are probably those that weren't enacted or changed or done differently or didn't have any attention paid to them, because there are a number of places with the current rezonings that we have around the city on the map now that do not fit what we would call is the best use for them and it's interesting because I think as the Mayor Pro Tem said, 45 years, we're so fortunate to have a team that has automation and the ability to reach out to people and people have a way to come into this process. Forty-five years ago, we didn't have that. You just had here is a map and this is what you are. And I believe that the change that we're talking about, the percentage of our public people that are really engaged in this, will have an opportunity, but also, people see their individual own the characterizations of their own properties and will have the opportunity. So, I thought that the last paragraph in the agenda, which talked about it being updated and revised on a one the basis of how it would be done was really important for us to communicate, as Ms. Johnson says, so that there's opportunities for people to have input and now that we have that more definitive way of looking at it. So, this is this has been a real labor, but I don't think that we want to have I've been quoting Malcolm totally a lot these days, saying perfection, standing in the way of good in some respects. So, we didn't get it right 45 years ago. I'm probably going to get it better this time.

Ms. Johnson said I was asking questions to the staff to clarify and I and I think there was a little more confusion. So, I said three to four years to be able to change it. You said in July will be effective when will be the next time a person can give input? Is that going to be starting in July? What's the duration between the change?

Ms. Craig said so as of July one, someone could come in and request a change to their map.

Ms. Johnson said okay, and how long will that process takes because the changes that have been submitted or the comments that have been submitted now, not all of them are being considered.

Osborne said so, what we have, what we will have to do is design with that process to look like that. We're thinking it's an application process similar to what we used to have back in the day a plan amendment process where a constituent or staff member or community member could file an application with a map describing the area they wanted to change and then it could require them to have consent from a certain amount of people that are around them, very similar to what a rezoning petition might be, some similar characteristics in the process. It could take one to three months. I'm not sure yet, but we definitely want to make that process available as soon as the map is effective, and then will begin the community area planning process as soon as the UDO is adopted over the summer. We'll start that process in the fall, and it depends on the issues that may arise in the community area plan. It might not take two years. It depends on the level of conversations between the neighborhoods. It may take a year; it may take nine months. It just depends on the level of conversation that is to be had. We're saying two years as a worst-case scenario, but it may be sooner than that. We're not sure until we get into the details of the neighborhood.

Ms. Johnson said so let me just state from a layperson's term. When I said two to four years, there was all this pushback from Council Members, even some laughing, but when we peel back the layers of that question, the appeal process has not been designed. And again, if it's a community area plan, you stated up to two to four years. So again, I will say it again, once you implemented, if there's something that residents are not happy with, and we've heard from residents asking for specific changes that haven't been implemented, it could take two to four years for a change to be made. So again, I won't be supporting it. I do appreciate you guys work. The public does not feel listened to, well the ones that I've heard with some very large constituents and the input that has been given and there's much of it that's not being implemented. So, I would ask for a deferral for the approval. Thank you.

Ms. Craig said except it said that Councilmember Johnson mentioned that it would take two years for someone to be able to make a change to the map and that's why we're saying that someone can request that change through that amendment process or if we have community conversations that warrants city staff to then submit a request to change the map that can also be led and initiated by city staff too. So, there is a process. It will not be, you have to wait two years until the area planning process is complete.

**Councilmember Phipps** said thank you, Madam Mayor. I've heard the phrase I've heard perfect being bandied around the dais here. I don't know that we could ever really come up with a perfect map. I think that this process, as it moves forward, would present us with a more accurate map, but I'm curious about the community planning process. I would hope that during that process and at the end of it, we won't really revert to what has happened in the past with area plans that you worked so hard on, but you know, before the ink is dry, you know you get some inconsistencies with the plan. So, I would hope that this process would eliminate a lot of that, but I already got constituents that have been writing and emailing me. They are looking forward to this next phase because they have some revisions that they want to see entertained and the only way we can do it is we have to move forward with this process. Thank you.

**Councilmember Newton** said I agree with Councilwoman Johnson. I do appreciate all the hard work for many years that our staff has engaged in throughout this process, but I do harbor concerns about whether this has been fully vetted through the entire community. There has been so much confusion with so many folks that I've spoken to as to this plan, the mapping process, the UDO and I feel like oftentimes all three have been completed. And just to kind of underscore the point here, I also fear that amending this map after the fact, so community engagement to do that will be burdensome and difficult for those who pursue that rather than making sure that we get it right now. So, I'm hard-pressed to support this right now. I don't know if I misheard it because I thought maybe I heard that there was a motion to defer, which I would be in favor of speculating. If there's not, I would like to make a substitute motion to defer. I, I feel as though or at least understand what the role of the council is here but wanted to put that forward in case we have a change of heart or through continued discussion here, decide that that is something that we would like to do. So, I will make that motion to defer this to a later time to allow more engagement with the community to make sure that more questions are answered and people have the opportunity not just to understand exactly what we're talking about here, the specifics of it, but also an opportunity to weigh in further on the specifics.

Mayor Lyles said Mr. Newton, thank you. You've made a motion to defer. Could you actually give us a timeframe? I mean, because that could be infinitum, just opening it because we change in people. So, help me with the time frame that you're suggesting, please, in the motion.

Mr. Newton said sir, it's hard for me to say. I hear Councilwoman Johnson and I hear Councilwoman Watlington. I know I've heard concerns from my community and I think oftentimes what has occurred here is there has been an awful lot of confusion once again, between the three policy items we've talked about. That being the comp plan, that being the mapping process, and that being the UDO itself. A conflation amongst three, I don't know, but how long.

Mayor Lyles said no, that's fine.

Mr. Newton said I have answers within the community address and then implemented to codify within whatever is that we consider. I would like to think that it can be done within say three months, but I think to put a time frame or a specific time frame on that would also be unwise. I think for the time being what our motion for is a deferral until we feel comfortable as a Council moving forward and understanding or feel comfortable that the community has had that opportunity to weigh in and have all of its concerns addressed.

Substitute motion was made by Councilmember Newton, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to defer action to adopt the final recommended draft of the Charlotte Future 2040 Policy Map.

**Councilmember Bokhari** said I will frame this in terms of why we shouldn't defer and if I am wrong, please correct me because this is my understanding and why I'm comfortable I think I hear your points and I got comfortable in this way. So, this is why I would say let's not defer and let's approve it, but if I'm wrong here, then perhaps I'll change my opinion if we should defer. So, it's really simple. They've done a mapping exercise to get to this point, and there are three layers of things that will happen after this if I understand it correctly. One is people will immediately say, I've been mismatched and it's technical corrections. It's not like a rezoning or something. It's just like we found in the last couple of months that the South Park area around Phillip's place was mapped into a community center and it should have been a regional center. It was quite clear everyone immediately recognized it and they changed it. So, from my perspective, how I got comfortable is that the staff basically said for those things, which almost this entire process has been, take it from the old vernacular and put it into the new and if they mess that up, our commitment and tell me with the head not or an answer is that we'll do that quick. If we made a mistake and somebody went from this term to this term and it wasn't the same thing to get us to that point, we'll solve that in days. We'll do it within a month, whatever, quickest thing where we batch those up and get them, but the problem is people aren't paying attention. So, we've got to just do something because they've done everything they can to make them attention and maybe they'll pay attention at that point in time when, Oh my gosh, you've changed my thing. All right, now we'll do it, but even if they don't pay attention for three, four, or five months, we'll make technical corrections as they happen.

So, that to me takes everyone out and doesn't hurt anybody and now we're just there. So, now there's this bucket of people who want a change. They want something different than they had before, and that's fine too. We're going to create better processes for them to say, okay, I want to up zone my place, down zone my place, but they kind of like a rezoning, have to go get a little bit of approval and some buy-in from around them and they'll have a lot of support for the first time where they didn't before. So, now individuals have that ability, but that's changing. And then level three is this massive level of the community plans and the community plans say we want something different than we had before and once they're done with that plan, it's adopted. That's going to come in for a wholesale change of up zoning and downzoning. But again, the only people we could possibly hurt right now is if we mistakenly mapped something from what it was before to today and they have commitments. We've reached out to everyone we can, but we have this amazing process in levels one, two, and three that they didn't have before. So that's what I mean, did I say anything wrong?

Ms. Craig said no, you're good.

Mr. Bokhari said so that's how I got comfortable ultimately with it, which is the plan could be perfect. It could be 80 percent; it can be 90 percent. The point is they've basically got the end of the rope that they can do with carrots and making people ultimately pay attention and now they've got to do it, but they're going to have a really quick process fixing it. So that's I can understand it and that's why I think we should absolutely just move forward because we're not going to hurt anyone with our mistakes in this. It's only the changes going to want, which they would want those changes anyway.

Mr. Driggs said we need to vote on the substitute motion.

**Councilmember Graham** said I was speaking to the substitute.

Ms. Watlington said right but there is a point of order. I have not spoken on a substitute motion on the floor yet, so I don't believe that I would get usurped or jumped if you will.

Mayor Lyles said I'm fine with it. If you guys are in the room and you're okay with Ms. Watlington and Mr. Driggs and then Mr. Graham. It's fine with me.

Ms. Eiselt said to speak to the substitute motion, Ms. Watlington would be next.

Ms. Watlington said I appreciate what you said Councilmember Bokhari for the residents that I've spoken with in District 3, the issue here is that it's not, well, I'll say it this way, doesn't seem to be mutually exclusive. The process can continue. The concern is this gray area around what it would take. I hear if it's a technical change, it's a quick thing. It sounds like I think about speed bumps, for instance. You got to go around and get all kinds of folks to sign the papers and we end up with these delays about trying to get to speed, about trying to get a speed but where people know it is just because of the administrative tasks. So, I know that you have already explained a little bit, Mr. Alysia, of what the process could look like, but can you clarify, is there an event in which, beyond a technical change, it will require Council action to make these amendments, or what does that look like?

Ms. Craig said Each amendment to the policy map has to come to the Council for a vote.

Ms. Watlington said that's what I thought.

Mr. Driggs said and there's inherent in that process community engagement already. So, we will not be arbitrarily revising the map in, you know, our cubes or whatever. This has to come before Council for action and [inaudible] last one.

Ms. Watlington said thank you for that. That's the concern of the folks out in the communities, is that that is, in their mind, a Herculean feat and if we know that we're going to make adjustments, we're going to continue the process anyway. There doesn't seem to be any reason that the adoption has to occur to prevent the process from continuing.

Mr. Driggs said I just have one comment. There was a question raised as to how many people had commented, how many people individually have you actually spoken to about this? I mean, we're not talking about thousands assume. So, if we're going to question the validity of the outreach process, then you have to ask yourself about how representative those conversations that you've had with concerned individuals are. We're never going to get to the point where everybody's happy. And the thing that I think we really need to stress here in case somebody gets the wrong impression, nobody who is unhappy about the maps is going to have to wait two or four years. They're just not. There are processes that take different amounts of time to make these corrections. We're not going to get it perfect before we adopt it. And so, I just feel that four months from now, we could be sitting here having exactly the same conversation and I think we need to make this step in order to keep our progress towards a better plan on track. Thank you.

Ms. Ajmera said and I'll keep it very brief. I just wanted to clarify the process of making changes that I think Mr. Bokhari did very well. That's the conversation I had with Alysia and Alyson. Is that correct? The process that Mr. Bokhari just put out there for us where if it's a technical change, it's not going to take two years or four years. I know that's a concern. One of the constituents had written to me and I had forwarded that email to you and you had explained that you know, if it's a technical change, it's going to take a few days, a few weeks, maybe even as soon as few weeks. So, I just want to make sure that we put that message out there. Two to four years is for a community plan that some area residents want to sort of take dive into what the neighborhood will look like ten years down the road.

Ms. Craig said that's correct and in the area plans will for each area will not individually take two years. It's a matter of getting through the entire city. So just clarifying that. But yes, you can get through an inconsistent technical change quickly.

**Councilmember Graham** said but first let me thank staff, right. I know this has been extremely cumbersome over the last two years, right? To get us to this point today and I'm speaking to the towards the substitute motion and we had this conversation on the phone last week. I told you we would be here right now. And so, I'm spot on again. I'm and I'm agreeing with my colleague to not to the left. And to Councilmember Ajmera as well as I look to my right.

We will never get this thing perfect, right? So, that's what we're waiting for, I mean, 30 days, 60 days, 90 days, 120 days and I did have the conversation with members of the Community Building Coalition and Ricki Hall and individuals in my district and I looked at my own numbers in terms of participation or in some cases lack of participation. I came to the same conclusion that I believe that we need to keep the train moving too, that we aren't and, should not and we will not leave anybody behind, right? The technical corrections are just that the technical nature. And so, we can catch up with those relatively quickly. I'm stealing all of this language. Change and buy-in, right; small groups banding together saying I'm going to be up or down. I want to be in a different classification. There's a process for that that you're going to define and lay out and then lastly, that the bigger community plan and so I know it's complicated. One of the things that I asked the staff to do with me, as well as the community is to talk to me like a third grader, right? So, I can make sure I understand what we're doing and by extension, the community understands what we're doing, and any time you're trying to fix something that that intention, four or five years, you're going to have some bumps along the road, right? And so, I think and the motion doesn't even say when we stop, right? So, which makes me really uncomfortable because believe that at some point this thing has to come to an end. And so, I will be supporting I will be no motion. Well, the original motion and voting no against the substitute motion, I just believe that we just called.

The vote was taken on the substitute motion and recorded as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Johnson, Newton, and Watlington.

NAYS: Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Graham, Phipps, and Winston.

The vote was taken on the main motion and recorded as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Graham, Phipps, and Winston.

NAYS: Councilmembers Johnson, Newton, and Watlington.

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## **ITEM NO. 16: SOUTHPARK MUNICIPAL SERVICE DISTRICT**

**Mayor Lyles** said I just want to point out the process that's required, this would have to come back again. This action requires two adoptions. One tonight and then the next one would be in April; I believe on April 11th. I may have that correct.

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to adopt ordinance approving the creation of the SouthPark Municipal Service District.

**Councilmember Bokhari** said first just want to thank everyone been working so hard. Chris Thomas is in the room with us here. Hillary, head of a span, the entire span organization with Chris the entire business coalition. You guys have worked for a long period of time on a well-thought-out plan and particularly over the last several weeks if

not months now. Again, we took a scalpel approach trying to draw this map around the business corridor and there were a couple of neighborhood areas, and residential areas that were drawn in there. We have had in-depth conversations with them. They make up less than 3 percent of the total impact, but that doesn't mean that we didn't take their feedback and thoughts for granted and some of them have very unique circumstances. So, we've gone way, way beyond what we thought of normal in spending time with all of them. I know many of them are tuning in for all of you have spent time having conversations, rallying your neighborhood groups together so that they were aware and had a chance to weigh in. We thank you greatly for that. And I feel very confident that by the time we get to April, if not already, almost at this point, we pretty much understand those last few percentage points of making sure everyone feels like this is a win. So, the work is not yet done, but there's a light at the end of the tunnel here, and I just am very grateful for everyone's engagement.

**Councilmember Phipps** said in reading the description in our packet, I was wondering where in the finding of need report is the process increasing the millage rate described? I didn't see it in there anywhere. I don't know who we could ask. I know I know what it is, but I'm talking about the process to increase it at some point.

Mayor Lyles said in the past. Mr. Phipps, the council has for the other districts they have had recommendations that came to the Council in the budget process if they changed the military or the tax rate for the district, and in general, the Council has said that it has to have support from the district residents and businesses. So, that's been the informal way that I recall, but I don't know if there's an actual formal answer that is, in the statute for the municipal service districts.

Mr. Bokhari said [inaudible].

Mr. Driggs said for Center City Partners and there was a definite process and they came to us and they said, this is what we have done to satisfy ourselves about the wishes and it was subject to Council approval. So, there can't be any imposition of an additional tax that is not subject to. We have to be satisfied that they did the things that they should do and then we vote on it. That's how that works.

Mr. Phipps said but I do think we did establish parameters by which that was done. I thought it was a formal process that we adopted.

Mayor Lyles [inaudible].

**Patrick Baker, City Attorney** said I'll look into it. I don't have that answer.

Mayor Lyles said I knew it was a process that has been used, but I didn't know if it was adopted.

Mr. Phipps said I think we did.

Mayor Lyles, do you want us to do some research on that Mr. Phipps?

Mr. Phipps said I mean I know it's one because we [inaudible] in one of the last budget cycles we did formalize a millage rate increase process. So, [inaudible].

Mr. Bokhari said that was from the process by which we added not anything to the state statute which lays it out very clearly. It was merely so that we knew for a fact that Center City Partners in that instance went out and got buy-in from everyone and I can tell you with this process, we mirrored that in that we have all the letters of support that are there. And my assumption would be if that had to happen, we would need to follow the same process.

Mr. Phipps said [inaudible], I just wanted to make that clear.

**Councilmember Ajmera** said so, couple of questions I have. So, Tracy and her team sent me this mapping that I had requested on how many residential units will be impacted. So, we have the map here, and I'm looking at hundreds of emails and letters that we had received raising concerns around this additional tax and the burden it will create for many, many families. I'll just read out a few comments here. This is from Mike, who is at Moorcroft Village Ownership. He's part of that community and he says an increase in taxes not only for the initial development of this debatable improvement but in perpetuity for the repair and maintenance is neither a productive nor a justifiable investment we can support. Other emails from a teacher who said this will create undue hardship and I would not like to be part of this amnesty.

Also, there are emails that we have received talking about how an individual who is retired and who lives on a fixed income, an additional tax will cause undue stress and financial burden to them. So, I can go on and on about this email request that we have received, and I think we need to consider this additional tax and the financial burden it's going to create on many, many of our working families. So, I would like to see this map and see how many units this is going to impact. I'm just talking about the residential impact. So, is anyone here from the staff who can answer how many units, residential units we are looking at?

**Christina Thigpen, Deputy Director, of Economic Development** said Councilmember Ajmera, I'll have to get back to you on the direct number, but again, it's, you know, less than 3 percent. I will tell you; I was very familiar with the residents who wrote in as well, and most everybody was from Piedmont Row, which we have agreed to exempt from the amnesty.

Ms. Ajmera said I understand that we did make an exclusion because of the number of emails we have received from that community, but there were other emails that had received from other communities, right. So, how can we meet this map where we can reduce, not even reduce, but eliminate the impact it will have on our residential community? This is a four-cent tax for \$100 of property valuation. So, what are we looking at \$400 hundred, \$500 dollars per year? What is the impact?

Ms. Thigpen said I would say \$100 to \$200.

Ms. Ajmera said \$100 to \$200, that depends on [inaudible].

Ms. Thigpen said seventy-five in most cases.

Ms. Ajmera said so, that depends on the property, and well-assessed value, right?

Ms. Thigpen said yeah.

Ms. Ajmera said so, I would like to see the financial impact it will have on residents, how many units we are looking at, the number of units, and residential units that this is going to impact, and could you also talk about how this fund will be used because we got some emails that talk about infrastructure, but from what I understand the infrastructure is cities responsibility. Our CIP (Capital Investment Plan) dollars are used for infrastructure. None of these funds MSD (Municipal Service District) dollars be used for infrastructure, am I correct?

Ms. Thigpen said I believe they can be.

Ms. Ajmera said they can be used for infrastructure like sidewalks, and road widening, is that correct? I was under the impression it could not be used for any infrastructure projects. Mr. Jones, could you address that?

Mr. Jones said yes so, I'm not sure, Christine, is it?

Ms. Thigpen said I'll have to clarify that. I misspoke.

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**Councilmember Driggs** said not intended to be used for infrastructure projects. This is for the purposes of promoting the business community and commerce. So, the typical outlay for this or marketing type of exercise is planning research and public-private partnership.

Ms. Ajmera said so that's the impression I was under. So, I think we need to put a clear message out there.

Mr. Bokhari said we have.

Ms. Ajmera said so, this is not for infrastructure because I think some [inaudible].

Mr. Bokhari said we've already done that.

Ms. Ajmera said because some of the emails we are getting, it's talking about infrastructure.

Mr. Bokhari said we're getting the emails and we've addressed that.

Ms. Ajmera said okay, but probably you had directly addressed it, but what I'm talking about is there needs to be direct communication to all the residents.

Mr. Bokhari said we've done it.

Ms. Ajmera said okay, so I just want to make sure we are looking at the impacts in terms of the number of units and what is the average impact it will have and one more item I have. also, could we have a pro forma of how these funds will be used?

Mr. Bokhari said yes, [inaudible].

Ms. Ajmera said do we have the pro forma?

Mr. Bokhari said yes.

Ms. Thigpen said that's in the finding of need.

Ms. Ajmera said I would like to see that proforma, [inaudible]. I look forward to having this report.

Mr. Bokhari said it's in your material.

Ms. Ajmera said Mr. Bokhari, [inaudible].

Mayor Lyles said Mr. Bokhari and Ms. Ajmera has the floor and she asking to clarify with the staff what she would like to have [inaudible].

Ms. Ajmera said Mr. Bokhari, when you speak, you have my attention and I expect you to do the same with me, thank you. So, I would like to see a follow-up report on these items and I would like us to address the concerns that's been raised by next week, Thank you.

Mr. Bokhari said a good job.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 64, at Pages (s) 667-676.

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**ITEM NO. 17: ADOPT AN INITIAL FINDINGS RESOLUTION AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON AIRPORT 2022 GENERAL AIRPORT REVENUE BONDS AND BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES**



Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to (A) Adopt an initial findings resolution and authorize the Chief Financial Officer to make appropriate application to the Local Government Commission for issuance of General Airport Revenue Bonds not to exceed \$425,000,000 and revenue bond anticipation notes not to exceed \$300,000,000, and (B) Adopt a resolution setting a public hearing on April 11, 2022, for this financing as required by Internal Revenue Service regulations.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Pages 522-526.

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**ITEM NO. 18: CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG GOVERNMENT CENTER GOVERNOR'S OFFICE LEASE**

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Y, and carried unanimously to (A) Adopt a resolution authorizing a lease agreement with the State of North Carolina for the lease of approximately 1,343 square feet of office space (Suite 231) in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, and (B) Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to negotiate and execute all documents necessary to complete the leasing of the office suite.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page 527.

**Councilmember Bokhari** said I just have a question. I don't know if there's someone can address it, but I'm just I'm I glanced at this quickly and then this essentially equates to \$14 a square foot for office space in the government, uptown for the governor's office and while there's a benefit to having them on site, I remember us kind of going through a similar exercise with a small business in, the government center, where we had some challenges with this. And I just say \$14 a square foot is probably half the going rate for what would be done uptown. Was there a reason why we chose that dollar amount?

**Councilmember Egleston** said did anybody question that when I was Governor McCray?

**Mayor Lyles** said that is true and have we always done a certain rate or is the formula the same?

**Phil Reiger, General Services Director** said this rate is derived from what we negotiated back in 2013, when we originally leased this space to the governor's office. A rate was negotiated at that point in time and basically, what's happened is this rate has escalated 3 percent a year since. So, that's how the 1500 dollars has come.

Mr. Bokhari said I don't want to sidetrack us right now, but I would like us to come up with a strategy where we look at market rate, you know, capabilities here. At some point, we're eating the costs for this, whether it's the opportunity loss or, you know, the overhead. We're actually covering for it for what we have to pay on our debt. So, I would just say we can move forward right now but \$14 a square foot for uptown office space is pretty light.

Mr. Reiger duly noted.

**Councilmember Driggs** said it's contractual, though, right? In other words, this number is locked in by a contract that has some sort of renewal provision in it. So, we don't have any scope for trying to renegotiate the number at this point.

Mr. Reiger said this is not a renewal. This is a new contract. It's a one-year contract with two one-year options to renew. So, we look at this annually.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page 527.

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**ITEM NO. 19: EXCHANGE OF LAND RIGHTS ALONG THE LYNX LIGHT RAIL CORRIDOR WITH SOUTH END OWNER LP**

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to (A) Adopt a resolution authorizing an exchange of land rights between the City of Charlotte and South End Owner LP or its successors and assigns ("Property Owner") involving Parcel Identification Number 121-041-15, (B) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to complete the exchange of land rights between the City of Charlotte and Property Owner, and (C) Adopt a budget ordinance appropriating \$473,249 from South End Owner LP for full and fair consideration of CATS-owned property in the CATS Capital Investment Plan Fund.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Pages 528-529.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 64, at Page(s) 677.

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**ITEM NO. 20: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND SISTER CITY TIES WITH VORONEZH, RUSSIA**

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to (A) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a municipal agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for construction of water and sanitary sewer line relocations, adjustments, and improvements, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve the reimbursement request for the actual cost of the utility construction.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Pages 531-532.

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**ITEM NO. 20.5: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND SISTER CITY TIES WITH VORONEZH, RUSSIA**

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Phipps, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to suspend Sister City ties with Voronezh, Russia.

**Councilmember Eiselt** said I wanted to just make one comment. I should have gotten in your discussion. I wanted to acknowledge that have some of our Ukrainian friends here tonight in the audience. They've waited patiently all night for this item. I assume that it's nominations. Thank you for being here I wanted to also say that a lot of people in the community have asked how they can help the Ukrainian community and I would direct you to go to either their website, which is Ukrainians in Charlotte, or their Facebook page Ukrainians in Charlotte. I think the website is UkrainiansinCharlotte.org.

I encourage you to look at the website and there's ways that you can help immediately. So, we will do this together, thank you.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Pages 531-532.

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**NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**  
**ITEM NO. 21: NOMINATIONS TO THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Mayor Lyles** explained the rules and procedures of the appointment process.

The following nominations were made for three appointments for three-year terms beginning May 1, 2022 and ending April 28, 2025.

- Stephanie Al-zubaidy, nominated by Councilmember Driggs.
- Dante Anderson, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Newton, and Winston.
- Karl Celis, nominated by Councilmember Driggs.
- Matthew Coles, nominated by Councilmember Phipps.
- David Hunt, nominated by Councilmember Graham.
- Victor Perez, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Driggs, Newton, and Phipps.
- Ashok Pratap Mora, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Egleston, Eiselt, Graham, Johnson, Newton, Phipps, and Winston.
- Robert Phocas, nominated by Councilmembers Bokhari, Egleston, Eiselt, and Winston.
- Yash Tadimalla, nominated by Councilmember Johnson.
- Najam Usmani, nominated by Councilmembers Egleston and Eiselt.
- Warren Williams, nominated by Councilmember Graham.

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to appoint Ashok Pratap Mora by acclamation.

There were no nominations made for one appointment for a three-year term recommended by the Certified SBE-Hispanic Contractors Association beginning upon appointment and ending April 28, 2023.

This appointment will be considered at the next Business meeting.

There were no nominations made for one appointment for a three-year term recommended by the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance beginning May 1, 2022 and ending April 28, 2025.

This appointment will be considered at the next Business meeting.

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## **ITEM NO. 22: NOMINATIONS TO THE CHARLOTTE BUSINESS INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The following nominations were made for one appointment for a two-year term for an At-Large representative of a Prime Construction Company beginning March 1, 2022 and ending February 28, 2024.

- Gary Beal, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Graham, Johnson, Newton, Phipps, and Winston.

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to appoint Gary Beal by acclamation.

There were no nominations made for one appointment for a two-year term recommended by the Hispanic Contractors Association of the Carolinas beginning March 1, 2022 and ending February 28, 2024.

This appointment will be considered at the next Business meeting.

There were no nominations made for one appointment for a two-year by the Metrolina Native American Association beginning March 1, 2022 and ending February 28, 2024. Jessie Jacobs has resigned.

This appointment will be considered at the next Business meeting.

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#### **ITEM NO. 23: NOMINATIONS TO THE CHARLOTTE TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

The following nominations were made for one appointment for a partial term beginning upon appointment and ending December 13, 2022.

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- Elizabeth Magan, nominated by Councilmembers Driggs and Phipps.
- Eileen Neacy, nominated by Councilmember Graham.
- Olivia Scott, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Egleston, Graham, Newton, and Winston.
- Chris Steude, nominated by Councilmembers Bokhari and Egleston.
- Elliott Voreis, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Driggs, Johnson, and Winston.

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to appoint Olivia Scott.

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#### **ITEM NO. 24: NOMINATION TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

There were no nominations made for one appointment as a Resident Owner of Hermitage Court beginning upon appointment and ending December 31, 2023.

This appointment will be considered at the next Business meeting.

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#### **ITEM NO. 25: NOMINATIONS TO THE KEEP CHARLOTTE BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE**

The following nominations were made for two appointments for partial terms beginning upon appointment and ending June 30, 2022, and three-year terms beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2025.

- Christian Behrens, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Graham, Johnson, Newton, Phipps, and Winston.
- Lise-Marie Koerschgen, nominated by Councilmembers Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Graham, Johnson, Newton, Phipps, and Winston.
- Susan Tompkins, nominated by Councilmember Ajmera.

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to appoint Christian Behrens and Lisa-Marie Koerschgen.

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#### **ITEM NO. 26: NOMINATIONS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING GRANTS FUND**

The following nominations were made for one appointment for a two-year term for a business category representative beginning April 16, 2022 and ending April 15, 2024.

- Stephanie Al-Zubaidy, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Graham, Johnson, Newton, Phipps, and Winston.

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera and carried unanimously to appoint Stephanie Al-Zubaidy.

The following nominations were made for four appointments for two-year terms for Neighborhood from within program boundaries category representatives beginning April 16, 2022 and ending April 15.

- Andwele Beatty, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Graham, Johnson, Newton, Phipps, and Winston.
- Patricia Johanson, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Graham, Johnson, Newton, Phipps, and Winston.
- Debbie Rubenstein, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Graham, Johnson, Newton, Phipps, and Winston.
- Michael Young, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Graham, Johnson, Newton, Phipps, and Winston.

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to appoint Andwele Beatty, Patricia Johanson by acclamation, Debbie Rubenstein by acclamation, and Michael Young.

The following nominations were made for two-year terms for Non-profit Sector category representatives beginning April 16, 2022 and ending April 15, 2024.

- Rhonda Dean, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Graham, Johnson, Newton, Phipps, and Winston.

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to reappoint Rhonda Dean by acclamation.

This other appointment will be considered at the next Business meeting.

The following nominations were made for one appointment for a two-year term recommended by the Superintendent of the School System beginning April 16, 2022 and ending April 15, 2024.

- Doris Shivers, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Graham, Johnson, Newton, Phipps, and Winston.

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to reappoint Doris Shivers by acclamation.

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#### **ITEM NO. 27: NOMINATION TO THE PASSENGER VEHICLE FOR HIRE BOARD**

There were no nominations made for one appointment for a Representative of the Hospitality / Tourism Industry for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024.

This appointment will be considered at the next Business meeting.

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#### **ITEM NO. 28 NOMINATION TO THE STORM WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

There were no nominations made for one appointment as a Resident Owner of Hermitage Court beginning upon appointment and ending December 31, 2023.

This appointment will be considered at the next Business meeting.

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#### ITEM NO. 29: NOMINATIONS TO THE TRANSIT SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following nominations were made for one appointment for a three-year term for a Local Service Passenger category representative beginning February 1, 2022 and ending January 31, 2025.

- Jarrett Hurms, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Graham, Johnson, Newton, Phipps, and Winston.

**Councilmember Egleston** said I just wanted to acknowledge that Jarrett Hurms is with us tonight and has subjected himself to the entirety of this meeting, and we appreciate your dedication and willingness to serve.

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to reappoint Jarrett Hurms.

There were no nominations made for a three-year term for a Vanpool Rider category representative beginning February 1, 2022 and ending January 31, 2025.

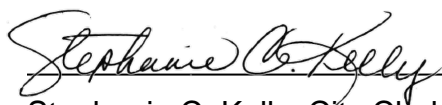
This appointment will be considered at the next Business meeting.

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#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

  
Stephanie C. Kelly, City Clerk, MMC, NCCMC

Length of Meeting: 3 Hours, 38 Minutes  
Minutes Completed: May 31, 2023